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THE PREFACE TO THE READER.

Impartial Reader;

THE AUTHOR's Design in continuing these Collections, having already been discover'd in his *two former Treatises upon this Subject*, to be no less than the *promoting of Piety*, I hope I shall not need to recommend this *third Part* of his so *necessary*, *useful*, and *commendable Labours* to thy serious Perusal, especially in such an Age as this, wherein *Impiety* is so sensibly *promoted*, not

only by the *notoriouſly Prophane*, but alſo by the *preſumptuouſly careleſs* Profeſſors of *Chriſtianity*.

How much conducing to obtain this excellent End, the *dying Words*, even of the worſt of Men, and Malefactors, have been eſteemed, is evident by the Practice of moſt Governments in expoſing them to publick View, as a Warning againſt *Vice*, and Incentive to *Virtue*. How much more ſhall we count the *dying Words* of the *Righteous* (whoſe *Death* is *precious* in the *Eyes* of the *Lord*) likely to anſwer this End, and therefore worthy, with their *Lives* and *Names*, to be had in everlaſting Remembrance.

And although the ſhort Reflections given upon the *Birth*, *Converſion*, *Labours*, *Travels*, *Converſation*, and

and *Sufferings* of many of these precious Servants and Handmaids of the Lord are very inviting, as well as instructive, in shewing forth that *free* and *universal Grace* of God, whereby they came to be what they were, and that *Arm* of *Power* whereby they were upheld in, and delivered out of many Tribulations; yet the main Intention of the AUTHOR is, to *send us to the House of Mourning*, which (saith *Solomon*) *is better to go to than the House of Rejoicing*; that we may learn so to live, as to be prepared to die, and enter upon an eternal State. And if *Death-beds* were more frequented, and *Places* of *Recreation* less, we might hope the *Advantage* would make amends for that Part of *Self-denial*. There we may often hear a more reaching *Sermon* in a few broken Words, than the most ele-

gant in the Pulpit; especially from two Sorts of experienced Preachers, namely, *Sinners repenting*, and *Saints triumphing*: There we may hear all agreeing in one common Prayer, viz. *Oh! let me die the Death of the Righteous, and let my latter End be like his.* There we may hear Men discovering what they really believe, often very differently from what they formerly profest; and many with the repenting Thief, come to have a *better Religion* upon their *Death-bed*, than all their *Life-long* before. There we may hear those who have been eagerly pleading for *Sin*, now crying out against it as the *Sting of Death*. Those who have exclaimed against *good Works*, as dangerous to their Faith, now wishing that all their Time had been spent in *Doing about doing Good*. Those who have charged God foolishly

foolishly with an *absolute Reprobation*, now trusting in, and begging his *universal Mercy*. Those who have known *Christ* after the *Flesh only*, now desiring to *feel him within*, as the *Hope* of *Glory*. Those who have *grieved*, *resisted*, and *mocked* at the *holy Spirit*, now seeking for *Strength* and *Comfort* from it. Those who have *opposed* the *Light* of *Christ*, now gladly *embracing* it in the dark Valley of the Shadow of Death. Those who have lived upon *outward Observations*, and been feeding upon Husks with the Prodigal, now looking towards their Father's House for the *Substance*, the *Water* of *Regeneration*, the *Bread* of *Life*, and the *new Wine* of the *Kingdom*. There we may hear *Teachers*, *Tutors*, *Confessors*, and such like, who have had Peoples *Faith* and *Conscience* at their Command,

often exclaimed againſt, if not as bad Examples, yet as miſerable Comforters, and Phyſicians of no Value. Now *Names*, *Notions*, *Creeds*, *Traditions*, *Controverſies*, *Honours*, *Riches*, *Complements*, *Paſtimes*, &c. are little regarded when *Death*, the King of Terrors, is in View, and the *great Judge* ſtands at the Door, who, without *Reſpect* of *Perſons*, judgeth and rewardeth according to every Man's Work. Now nothing will adminiſter Comfort but the *inward Abſolution* of our holy high Prieſt, the Lord *Jeſus Chriſt*; nothing but the *Unction* of the bleſſed Spirit of *Interceſſion* and *Adoption*. Here thoſe who have loved *God* above all, and their *Neighbours* as themſelves, are found to have the *beſt Religion*, and to be the *true Believers* in *Chriſt*, and Witneſſes of his *Redemption* and *Salvation*; and thoſe

to be the true and moſt honourable Scholars, who have been taught by the *Grace of God* (which brings Salvation, and hath appeared unto all Men) *to deny Ungodlineſs, and the World's Luſts, and to live ſoberly, righteouſly and godly in this preſent World.* There we may find the Righteous, with *Abraham*, *Iſaac*, *Jacob* and *Joſeph*, adviſing, encouraging and bleſſing their Poſterity; with *Moſes* going up to the Top of the Mount, to take a View of the good Land, in Retirement and Solitarineſs with the Lord; with *Joſhua* engaging others to fear and ſerve him alone, and to put away their ſtrange Gods; with *Samuel*, mourning and praying for thoſe who

Gen. 18. 19. and 27. v. 27. 40. Chap. 49. and 50. 24. Deut. 33, 34, Chap.

Joſh. 24.

1 Sam. 15.

have forſaken the Lord; with *David*, expreſſing their Faith in his Promiſes, concerning their Houſe, and their religious Concern for their building of his; recommending *Truth*, *Juſtice* and *Mercy* to ſucceeding Generations; with *Hezekiah* appealing to God about their *Sincerity*: In ſhort, with *Job*, *Simeon*, *Stephen*, *Paul*, and others of the faithful Servants and Followers of *Chriſt*, embracing Death, haſtening to meet it, longing to be diſſolved, and to be with him their *Captain*, *Forerunner* and *Rewarder*. Thus *Preaching* and *Praying*, and *Praiſing* the Lord freely and fervently, boldly and experimentally, and all *without Book*, as the holy Spirit gives Utterance,

2 Sam. 23.
1 ——— 7.
1 Kings 2.
1 Kings 8. 18.
Iſa. 38. 1, 2, 3,
Job 4. 13.
Luke 2. 29.
——— 32.
Acts 7. 55.
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Phil. 1. 21,
23.

ance, has upon a Death-bed often proved an affecting, tendering and converting Seaſon to many Hearers.

To ſuch an *Houſe* of *Mourning* (or ſhall I ſay *Rejoicing*) the AUTHOR of theſe *Collections* kindly invites thee, *Chriſtian* Reader; where, by hearing the *dying Songs* and *Sayings* of the *Ranſomed* and *Redeemed*, who knew in whom they had believed, thou mayſt alſo come to know and believe in that *great* and *true Light*, which enlightens every Man coming into the World; for it was by the Inſhining thereof, that the Feet of theſe bleſſed Ones, now at Reſt with the Lord, (as of all the Righteous in Ages paſt) were guided into the Way of *Truth* and *Peace*.

This *opened* their States, *tried* their Reins, *ſifted* their Words, *weighed*

weighed their Actions, *ſtayed* their Minds, *changed* their Hearts, *condemned* Diſobedience, *juſtified* Faithfulneſs, *counſelled* in Difficulties, *diſcovered* the Enemy, *unvailed* the painted Harlot, the World, and the falſe Church, and gave them the *Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God, in the Face of Jeſus Chriſt*, for whoſe Sake they ſuffered the Loſs of all, and followed him in the *Regeneration* and *Self-denial*, and are now entred with him into that Reſt which remains for the People of God.

2 Cor. 4. 6.

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JOHN BOWRON, born at *Cotherſtone* in *Yorkſhire*, near *Barnard-Caſtle*, in the Year 1627, which was the Place of his outward Habitation to his Death. He receiv'd the Truth by the Miniſtry of *George Fox* and *James Naylor*, when they came into thoſe Parts; which was about the Year 1653: And ſoon after he went to *Startford* Steeple-houſe, and preached to the Prieſt and People, and from thence to the Croſs, and at *Barnard-Caſtle*, and at *Rumbel* Steeple-houſe, and the People threw Snow at him, as he ſtood upon a Stone

a Stone ſpeaking to them; and then he went to *Bowes*, and ſtood up in the Steeple-houſe Yard, and ſpake to the People there; and one of the Men cried out to the People, *Hang him, hang him in the Bell-houſe*; and ſome Time after that Man hanged himſelf. After that he travell'd into *Allandale*, and had a Meeting there, and ſo to *Scotland*: At *Edinburgh* he preached to the People as he went through the Streets of that City, and at the Croſs, and there were *Engliſh* Soldiers who were kind to him, and he travell'd through that Nation; the Soldiers were very kind to him, but the Prieſts were in a Rage againſt him, for he was a Dread to them.

About the Year 1656 he took another Journey to *Scotland*, and at *Birkwell* he took Shipping for *Barbadoes*, and was kindly received in that Iſland, and had many good Meetings there; and they would have had him tarried with them as long as he lived; but when his Service was over in that Iſland, he took Shipping for *Surinam*,

and

and travell'd upon the Coasts of *Guiana*, a Country of *South America*, three or four Hundred Miles, where the People go mostly naked. He went to their Sort of Worship, which was performed by beating upon Holly-trees, and making a great Noise with Skins, like a Sort of Drums; and he declared the *Word of the Lord among them* by an Interpreter; and he travelled to *Commawena*, and *Bottico*, and *Bantibo*, and *Truckeribo*, and *Speckle-wood* Country, and spake to their Kings, who were array'd with Fish-shells hung about their Necks and Arms; and they spake to him in their Language, and confessed he was *a good Man come from far to preach the white Man's God*. After he had declared the Day of the Lord in this barbarous Country, he return'd with his Interpreter back to *Barbadoes* again, and staid a little Time there, visiting Friends; and a Ship presenting, he embark'd for *England*, which prov'd a long perilous Voyage of thirteen Weeks

Weeks Paſſage, for after they had bee
at Sea about ſix Weeks, they me
with a violent Storm, which too
away their Rigging, and their Provi
ſions grew ſcanty, ſo that for five
Weeks they were reduced to a Pin
of Water and a Biſket a Day eac
Man. There were about ſixty Perſon
on board, and ſome died; but a
length they arrived at *Dover*, where
he took Paſſage by Land for *London*,
and met with *George Fox*, and *Franci
Howgill*, to whom he gave an Accoun
of his Voyage; this was about th
Time that *Richard Cromwell* was mad
Protector of *England*, to whom h
went with a Meſſage from the Lord,
and warn'd him of the Day of th
Lord.

After *John Bowron* return'd Hom
into *Yorkſhire*, and reſting a little Time,
he took his Journey into *Scotland* a-
gain, and ſo into *Ireland*, travelling
through all that Nation from Sea t
Sea, and return'd back again; and ſ

continued

continued visiting that Nation of *Ireland* six Times in six Years. He was divers Times in Prison for the Testimony of the Truth; as at *Durham* Goal, and at *Richmond* House of Correction twenty Weeks in a sharp Winter; and for being at a Meeting at *Croft-bridge*, they took from him a Horse and two Steers, and imprisoned him again in *Durham* Goal; afterwards he was released by the Bishop of *Durham*. He often Times travelled to *London* in Company with *John Langstaff*, and to *Bristol*, and the *West* of *England*, till of latter Years, hindered by Age and bodily Infirmity. After many Journies, and sore Travel and Labour, the Lord gave this Blessing, that he lived to be full of Days, and died in Peace in the same House where he was born. About two Weeks before his Death, he rode to the Meeting as he used to do, and bore his Testimony among Friends; and two or three Days after went to the Burial of an antient Friend, and his Grand-

child

child waited upon him, where he ſpake at the Grave-yard a pretty while. The Firſt-day after, finding his Strength decay, he deſired his Son *Henry Bowron*, to go to the Meeting, and acquaint Friends, *That his Days were almoſt ſpent, and he knew not that he ſhould come any more amongſt them*; and his Son anſwered his Deſire, and many Friends came to ſee him; two Days after he aroſe without Help, and came cheerfully forth of his Chamber, deſiring his Son to trim him, which he did; after, he took his Grand-children by the Hand, ſaying, *Stay with me, go not away, for I am taking my Journey to a City*, New Jeruſalem, *that need not the Light of the Sun, nor the Light of the Moon, for the Lord God and the Lamb is the Light thereof*; and he added, ſaying, Sion *is a precious Habitation, he that dwelleth within the Gates of* Sion *ſhall never want*. Again, *What can be expected? I have ſeen many good Days, I have ſeen the Wonders of God both by Sea and Land* — and the Sea

Sea ſaw the Wonders of God and fled, and *Jordan* was driven back.

Sometimes he would pray to the Lord, ſaying, 'Lord bleſs this Nation, 'and the City of *London*, whom I dearly 'love.' The Night before he died, *Thomas Raylton* came to viſit him, and being told who it was, he ſaid, Thomas *pray with me*, and he did ſo, and the Preſence of God was felt amongſt them, and Praiſes were given unto the Lord. And though he was weak in Body, yet ſtrong in the inward Man, and expreſs'd his Satisfaction with that Opportunity together. After he ſaid, Thomas, *what Meeting had ye Yeſterday?* (meaning the Quarterly-meeting) He anſwered, *They had a good Meeting*; of which he was glad: Further he enquired, *What Way art thou going? Thomas* told him *Southward*; he ſaid, *Tell Friends of* London *how I am, and mind to give my Love to them, and to G.* Whitehead; and in great Sweetneſs of Spirit, and Peace of Soul, he continued till about Midnight, ſenſible to the laſt.

He

He died the 5th Day of the Eighth Month 1704.

Aged	77	} Years.
A Miniſter	51	}

Hugh Roberts, late of *Penſilvania*, formerly of *Wales*, was a Man fitted and qualified by God's Power to be a ſerviceable Miniſter to the Church of Chriſt in the Parts of *America*, in which Country he lived about eighteen Years. His Company was very deſirable, being greatly edifying; he had paſſed through many Trials and Exerciſes, ſo could by Experience ſpeak a Word in Seaſon to the travelling and weary Soul. His Doctrine in the Meetings of God's People dropped as Dew, and his Speech as ſmall Rain upon the tender Plants; for in the Openings of Life, Things both new and old came forth of the Treaſury of Wiſdom, and his Teſtimony was comfortable to the Hearts

Hearts of the People, in the Sense of God's Love, who is the Author of all Good to his People; a Man zealous for good Order in the Church, and skilful to accommodate Differences when they happened. He travelled in the Work of the Gospel in *Maryland*, *Long-Island*, *Rhode-Island*, and *New-England*, where his Service was effectual to the People, and to himself a great Satisfaction. At his Return homewards, being weakly of Body, having been much spent, he lay sick at the House of *John Redman* in *Long-Island*, where his Friend *John Bowman* visiting him, he said, *Nothing lies in my Way as an Obstruction to hinder my Peace with God.* After that he got Home to *Pensilvania*: A Friend of his taking his Farewel of him, said to him, *I believe thy deep Trials and Exercises are near at an End, and that Peace and Joy everlasting will be thy Portion from the Lord for thy Faithfulness.* In much Brokenness of Heart, and Sense of the Presence of God upon his Spirit, he answer'd the Friend

after

after this Manner; *I am ſatisfied thereof, and can bleſs my God for it.*

He departed this Life the 18th of the Sixth Month 1702, and his Body was buried at *Merrion* the 20th of the ſame.

Priſcilla Cotton, formerly Wife of *Arthur Cotton*, who then dwelt at *Plymouth* in *Cornwall*, now of *Colcheſter* in *Eſſex*, was one of the firſt that received Friends in *Plymouth*; namely, *John Audland* and *Thomas Airey*, in 1654; and ſhe lived an honourable Life, and was valiant for Truth, and often bore publick Teſtimony to it in Steeple-houſes, and other Places, againſt the Prieſts and Profeſſors, who walked out of the Truth; and for her Teſtimony ſhe ſuffered ſeveral Impriſonments and cruel Dealings from them, and other Inſtruments imploy'd by them. Moreover ſhe travelled in ſeveral Places, bearing Teſtimony for Truth in the living Power of God.

She

She alſo in her Life Time gave forth ſeveral good Papers, which are printed; and laſtly, the Day ſhe died, ſhe left a Paper for Friends, as a Teſtimony of her good Will and Love to them all; which is as followeth.

"*The* TESTIMONY *of*
"PRISCILLA COTTON, *to* Friends,
"*the Day ſhe died.*

"ALL *my dear Friends*, who "have found your Redeemer, "Oh! wait upon him at all Times, "that you may ſtand continually in "his Preſence where Life is, that "with the Light you receive from "him, you may ſee your Thoughts, "and deny them, that in Stayedneſs "you may be kept, when the haſty "froward Spirit would ariſe, and "keep it down. And with the Mea-"ſure of God's Spirit all may be "weighed, the Words to what they "tend, that no Lightneſs may appear

" in your Words, nor Unſavouriness,
" that no Offence come, but Edifica-
" tion by all you ſpeak. — Let the El-
" ders watch, that at no Time the
" Younger may ſee Lightneſs, Laugh-
" ter, or Words of Offence, but that
" you may always keep down the
" Evil in yourſelves, and may miniſter
" Grace to all you have to do withal,
" that God's Spirit be not grieved;
" ſo keep the Field clean, that was
" once ploughed up and made green
" and beautiful, that no Stones nor
" hurtful Weeds grow in it to op-
" preſs the Seed.

" And *Friends*, the Croſs is the
" Power of God, when you flee the
" Croſs, you loſe the Power; that
" which pleaſeth Self, is above the
" Croſs, and that which pleaſeth Man,
" is above the Croſs; and that which
" ſhuns the Croſs, yields to the car-
" nal Part, and loſes its Dominion;
" though the Croſs ſeems Fooliſhneſs,
" ſtand in it; though it ſeems weak,
" ſtand in it; though it be a Stumbling-
" block to the Wiſe, ſtand in it;

" there

" there the Dominion, Authority and
" Crown is received. And this is not
" for you to be exercised in, only for
" a Time, as at your first Convince-
" ment, but daily, even to the Death,
" as long as a Desire, Will or Thought
" remaineth in you, contrary to God's
" pure Light, and judge by it; and
" as you wait in the Light, you will
" come to know a Cross in the Use
" of Meat, Drink, and Apparel, and
" keep to the Cross when alone, or
" in Company, what the pure Mind
" of God stands against in you, that
" the Cross is against. So *Friends*,
" watch daily to keep Christ's Com-
" mand, *Take up your daily Cross*, be
" not at Liberty one Day, but deny
" thy own Will, thy own Thoughts,
" and thy own Self: Taking up the
" Cross, you feel the Power, the
" Strength of the Lord God, which
" breaks down all, keeps in Order,
" in Safety, and in Peace; and this
" preserves from Stubbornness, Wil-
" fulness, and Headiness, and brings
" all to be subject, as dear Children,

"unto God, and subject one unto "another as Brethren. In the Light "and in the Cross there is no evil "Thoughts, no hard Speeches, no "Contention, no loving Preheminence; but as Brethren and Sisters, "pitiful, tender hearted, courteous, "forgiving, forbearing, long-suffering, "and supporting one another; here "the Power of the Cross is known, "which brings all to God's Praise, "and to his Honour and Glory, and "to his Childrens Prosperity and "Peace: So let it be, *Amen.*

"PRISCILLA COTTON."

After this, seeing her Departure was nigh at hand, she desired several Friends to be called; being come, she desired to be lifted up in her Bed; and in a Sense of Life she spake suitably to every one for some Time, exhorting Friends to *Peace and Unity, and to keep in the Cross, which is the Power of God, that all might witness a Mortification to Sin, and a Renewedness to Life,*

that the living God and his holy Truth might be honoured by all; and that Friends might keep out of the Fashions and Customs of the World, both in Words and Apparel, every one answering the Truth therein.

After this, she called for her Husband, who was at that Time weak; embracing him, she said, *My dear Husband, the Lord hath largely manifested his Love to us, and large has been our Experience thereof, ever since he brought us together to this Day; and now my Dear, the Lord will separate us, but grieve not, let thy Eye and Expectation be to him, and the Lord who hath hitherto helped us, will be thy Help and Support; in whom let thy Trust be for ever!* — In like manner she called for her Daughter, and gave her Charge to *live in Subjection to God's Truth, and to forsake what she was convinced of to be Sin and Evil*; saying, *if she feared the Lord, and walked in his Truth, it shall be well with her; but if not, thou wilt be miserable*; and she also spake to other Friends and Relations, which for Brevity is omitted.

Afterwards she said, *Let me lie down that I may die*: so in great Stillness and Quietness she departed this Life, about four Hours after she had spoken these Words, the 4th Day of the Sixth Month 1664.

ANdrew *Graham*, of *Cumberland*, near the Borders of *Scotland*, was a Man of large Understanding, a loving Temper, and willing to do Good unto all, which increased his Esteem with all Sorts of People. When the Lord was pleas'd to send his Servants, call'd *Quakers*, to preach the Gospel in the Borders of *England*, in *Cumberland*, he with many Hundreds came to hear their Testimony, and did confess unto the Truth. But he was before closely joined in Fellowship with a People of good Repute in the Country, and it was hard for him to leave them, which occasion'd his halting as between two some considerable Time, until the Lord was pleas'd to renew his Visitation unto him,

him, and by his righteous Judgments awaken'd him into a true Sense of his State; so that he was depriv'd of Peace, until he gave up to be faithful to what the Lord by his Spirit discover'd to him to be his Duty; and joined with his People called *Quakers* from that Time, and was a good Example in Conversation among Men, in Humility, and in Self-denial, and in Suffering; and in about two Years Time the Lord committed to him a Part of the Ministry, and he faithfully laboured in the Work of the Gospel, in the Churches of Christ, both in some Parts of *England*, and in *Scotland*, and his Service was great in the Meeting unto which he more peculiarly belonged, and the more for his Innocency, true Zeal, and being devoted to the Service of the Truth, labouring to bring People to the Life and Power of Godliness. He was as a nursing Father, or Cherisher of those in whose Hearts he saw God had begun his Work, as well that he was terrible against Ungodliness.

He was ſuddenly ſeized with a great Sickneſs, and lay ſick but a ſhort Time; in which Time he ſaid, *I ſee they are happy, that when Death comes have nothing to do but to die; for the Pains of the Body at this Time is enough to ſtruggle with:* And as he lived, ſo he died, ending his Days in a Travail of Spirit, that Friends might be faithful; and Friends viſiting him, the Lord's Power and Preſence was plentifully enjoyed, to the tendering of the Hearts of many. He finiſhed his Courſe in this Life on the 15th of the Eleventh Month 1704. Aged 62 Years.

THomas *Wreſle*, of *Winteringham* in the County of *Lincoln*, was an early Seeker of Truth and Righteouſneſs; and for ſome Time had his Converſation among the *Baptiſts*. He received the Truth in the Year 1655, wherein he much improved, and approved himſelf a faithful Man, loving Truth, and the Friends thereof, with all

all his Heart, and ſerving it and them faithfully to the End of his Days; exemplary in his Converſation, and helpful to his Neighbours; having a good Underſtanding, was able to give Counſel and Advice, which was eſteem'd amongſt them. In his Sickneſs he ſaid, *I have ſeen where the Weary are at Reſt, and where the Wicked ceaſe from troubling; and I have received an Earneſt of that bleſſed Inheritance, which is laid up in ſtore for all the Faithful.* A Day or two before he died, ſome of his Friends viſiting him, which greatly comforted him, as he ſignified; to whom he ſaid, *I have loved Truth with all my Heart, and all the Friends of it, and feel nothing, but that all is well with me*; and in and with much Fervency ſaid, *I deſire that Friends would keep up their Meetings in the Name and Power of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and that the Lord may bleſs and proſper them*; and exhorted Friends to *keep their antient Zeal, Love and Integrity, which the Lord raiſed in them in the Beginning*; ſaying, *that it*

my great Comfort now upon my dying Bed; and taking his Leave of Friends, said, *It's Life, it's Life, Friends, that overcomes Death*; saying, *give my dear Love to all faithful Friends every where*; and Life and Truth was felt to flow among them at that Time.

He died the 21st of the Twelfth Month 1704.

William Captain came out of *England* with his Parents into *Ireland*, after the Civil Wars; he was convinced at *Mountmelick* Meeting; he was bred a Scholar, in his Youth intended for a Priest; he was a faithful, patient and deep Sufferer for the Testimony of a good Conscience, and often in Prison for meeting to worship God, and for Tithes, holding forth a good Conversation, as becometh the Gospel. In the Time of his Sickness, some Friends being present, he said to them as followeth; *The Lord hath appeared to me in a wonderful*

derful manner, when I was ready to sink under great Affliction; then did he take me by the Hand, as he did Israel *of old, and raised me over mine Afflictions; and whereas I had need of a Physician, the Lord was unto me instead of a Physician; and when I had need of Patience, he gave me Patience; and when I had need of Sleep, he accompanied me with his living Presence from Time to Time; whereby my Soul was sweetly consolated, so that I can say with the Psalmist,* It is good for me that I was afflicted; *and with* Simeon, *that* Mine Eyes have seen his Salvation; *and with* Job, *that* My Redeemer liveth, and mine Eyes have seen him: *See how good the Lord is; Oh! my Soul, praise thou the Lord, let all that is within me praise the Lord.* Another Time he said, *The Truth which the Quakers profess is the Way to Salvation, and there is no other Way.*

He died a Prisoner for the Testimony to Truth, the 30th Day of the Ninth Month 1674.

Roger

ROger *Gill*, of *London*, Shoe-maker, received the bleſſed Truth, as profeſſed by the People called *Quakers*, about the Year 1683. He formerly went among thoſe called *Baptiſts*, and I have heard him ſay, that *before he received Truth, he was guilty of many groſs and enormous Crimes*; but by the Power and Virtue of the Spirit of God, he came to know his Heart changed, and being waſhed and ſanctified, and the Fear of God placed therein, which preſerved him from thoſe Vices he had formerly been addicted to, for which he was very thankful to the Lord. Some Years before he died, God gave him a Diſpenſation of the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt to preach, and he was faithful and diligent in that Service, and was an able Miniſter, having a Word in Seaſon to ſpeak to the weary Soul; and very zealous he was for the Proſperity of the Truth.

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In the Year 1699 he had a Concern upon his Mind to visit the Brethren in *America*, and to preach the Gospel to the People on that Continent; and he went over the Sea for that Purpose, in Company with his Friend *Thomas Story*, concerned in the same Work; where they had not travelled long before they heard the People in *Philadelphia* in *Pensilvania* were visited with a malignant Distemper, which caused great Mortality; at hearing thereof *Roger Gill* said, *He felt a great Weight and Exercise to come upon him, so that he had no Ease in his Spirit till he came amongst them at* Philadelphia; the Sickness increasing, he did visit the Sick, and preach'd in their publick Meetings, saying, that *When he was one Hundred Miles off them, his Love in the Lord was such to them, that had he had Wings, he would fly unto* Philadelphia. It was the Time of their Yearly-meeting whilst he was there; where he was with others concerned in publick, earnestly to supplicate the Lord for the

People;

People; and particularly *Roger Gill* fervently and devoutly interceeded the Lord to *ſtay his Hand, and if he would pleaſe to accept of his Life for a Sacrifice, he did freely offer up his Life to the Lord for the People.* When Meeting was over, he often expreſſed *the Eaſe of his Mind, and that it was with him, that he had not much to do but viſit Friends of* Burlington (in *West Jerſey*, about twenty Miles off) and he accompliſhed that Journey, and at his Return to *Philadelphia* was taken ſick with the Diſtemper, which filled him with great Pain and Affliction of Body, and he remembred in his Sickneſs the Free-will-offering up of himſelf unto the Lord; ſaying to Friends about him, *It is not in my Heart to repent of the Offer I have made*; and he was cheerful, notwithſtanding his great Affliction of Body, and he exhorted Friends to *Faithfulneſs*; and ſaid, *The Lord hath ſanctified my Afflictions to me, and hath made my Sickneſs as a Bed of Down*: And when ſome did ſpeak of their Hope of his Recovery, he ſaid in much Love,

Love. *Truly I have neither Thoughts nor Hopes about being raised in this Life; but I know I shall rise sooner than many imagine, and receive a Reward according to my Works.* His Sickness continued seven Days upon him, and a few Hours before his Death, he took his Leave and said, *Farewel, Farewel, Farewel for ever*, and sweetly passed away out of this Life on the 2d Day of the Eighth Month 1699. And it was observed that the Sickness stopped, and very few was buried of it after him.

He left a Widow and two Sons behind him in *England*; died Aged about 84 Years.

William Smith, of *Elsham* in the County of *Lincoln*, was an Elder in the Truth, having received it in the Love of it, and walked faithfully therein to the End, and was a Preacher of Righteousness; in Conversation a Man of Sincerity and godly Simplicity,

Simplicity, giving no Occasion of Offence to *Jew* or *Gentile*, neither to the Church of Christ, and much beloved by Friends and Neighbours; when on his dying Bed, several Friends visiting him, found him in a heavenly Frame of Mind; he being told Friends Love was to him; he answered, *I have Friends on Earth, and Friends in Heaven, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, which I have true Fellowship withal, though yet in this earthly Tabernacle; my Treasure being in Heaven, my Heart is there also, where the Father, Son and holy Spirit dwelleth.* As he lived, so he died in the Lord, and is blessed, for so saith the Spirit, and he is at Rest from his Labours.

He departed this Life the 17th of the Twelfth Month 1701. Aged 79 Years.

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MArgaret Thompſon, Wife of *John Thompſon*, near *Montmelick* in *Ireland*, being upon her Death-bed; and a few Days before ſhe died, calling her Children to her, ſaid unto them, *Fear the Lord, and abide in the Fear of the Lord, I don't allow you any Thing further, than as you abide in the Truth, and love one another*: after that ſhe ſaid, *The Lord helps me, and I find all Temptations taken away.* Another Time ſhe ſaid, *They that die in the Lord, have Unity one with another*; and ſhe confeſſed the Love of God; and ſaid, *I will lean upon my Beloved*; and further ſaid to Friends preſent, Dear Brethren and Siſters, *I exhort you in the Lord to love one another, and walk in God's Truth for ever.* Women Friends, *I exhort you all in the Love of God, govern well in your own Houſes, or elſe you cannot govern well in the Church of Chriſt.* Likewiſe young Women, *be Sober-minded, and fear the Lord, and be charitable,*

charitable, and walk in Love to the End. Dear Friends, *I ſalute you all in the Lord, and I here give in my Teſtimony againſt paying of Tithes, for I never paid any Tithes, nor I never condeſcended to the paying any, this being my laſt Teſtimony.* She alſo exhorted Friends to their firſt Love, which they had received in the Beginning, bearing her Teſtimony againſt the vain Faſhions of the World. She died the 5th of the Third Month 1688.

William Gibſon, born in *Caton* near *Lancaſter*, about the Year 1629, being a Soldier in the Garriſon in *Carliſle*, *Cumberland*; and he with three others, underſtanding that a Preacher called a *Quaker*, who was a Stranger, had appointed a Meeting in that City, agreed to go together to the Meeting, with an Intent to abuſe the ſaid Friend, whoſe Name was *Thomas Holmes*; *William* coming firſt to the Meeting, and hearing the Friend

Friend powerfully declaring the Truth, was so affected and reached by his Testimony, that he stept up into the Meeting, near the Place where *Thomas Holmes* stood, knowing the Designs of his Fellows, waited to defend the Friend, and bid any that durst offer to abuse him; from which Time he became a constant Frequenter of Friends Meetings, and quitted his Place in the Garrison, and employed himself in the Trade of Shoe-making, and waited upon God in Silence, under the Exercise of his Power, for the Space of three Years; and afterwards he received a Dispensation of the Gospel to preach, and he became very serviceable in divers Places of the County of *Lancaster*. On the 22d Day of the Sixth Month, 1664, he married *Elizabeth Thompson*, Daughter of *William Thompson*, of *Broesmere* in *Lancashire*, and settled in *Sankey* Meeting near *Warrington* for some Years, and some were convinced of Truth by his Ministry, who continue faithful to this Day, and many others confirm'd

firmid in the bleſſed Truth, ſo that his Memorial is of good Savour in thoſe Parts. He afterwards traveling Southwards in the Work of the Goſpel, was impriſoned at *Maidſtone* in *Kent*, for his Teſtimony, which Impriſonment was long; from whence being diſcharged, went to *London*, and removed his Wife and Family thither, where his Service was well known to Friends in that City, and many other Parts of the Nation, and many are the Seals of his Miniſtry; and tho' he was ſevere in Reproof, and terrible in his Miniſtry to the Hypocrite, and the Workers of Iniquity, yet he was as a tender Father to the Mourners in *Zion*, and divided the Word aright, ſpeaking a Word in Seaſon to the tempted, afflicted, and travelling Soul; a Cheriſher of ſuch as loved and feared the Lord; and oftentimes his Miniſtry was to the Refreſhment of the Weary, and the Overflowings of his Cup adminiſtred true Comfort and Conſolation to the thirſty panting Souls.

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He was a Lover of Unity amongſt Brethren, but as a Sword againſt that Spirit, which, under Pretence of Love to the Light of Chriſt Jeſus in their Conſciences, would plead for a Liberty that was out of the Truth, and ſought to draw others from the Footſteps of the Flock of Chriſt; to which purpoſe he wrote a Book, intitul'd, *An Epiſtle of Love*: In brief, he was a Man devoted to the Service of God, and was an Example to Believers, even in Word, in Converſation, in Charity, in Spirit, in Faith, and in Purity, and gave Attendance to Reading, and to Exhortation, and to Doctrine, and given to Hoſpitality, and apt to teach, and was approved as a Miniſter of God; and had ſuffered hard Impriſonments, and the Spoiling of his Goods, for his Teſtimony's Sake againſt hireling Prieſts, who feed themſelves and not the Flock, and againſt their Maintenance by Tithes, *&c.*

In the Third Month 1684 he travelled into his native Country *Lancaſhire*,

Lancashire, though he had been out of Health; and in his Return Home was taken sick of an *Ague* and *Fever* at *Coventry*, and got to *London*; and he continued ill for three Months. On his sick Bed, he exhorted Friends who came to visit him, to *Faithfulness, and Trust and Confidance in the Lord, and to the Love of the Brethren*; and testified against that Spirit which *leads out of Unity into a Self-separation.*

He left two Sons and one Daughter, to whom he gave good Advice in the Time of his Sickness, directing them to that *blessed and divine Light of Christ, which he had preached, and by which he had received the Knowledge of God, and by walking in it, Salvation to his Soul*; desiring that they *might know the same, and walk in it*; saying, *it will shew you what is Good, and what is Evil; refrain from Evil, and do the Good; take Heed to God's Word in your Hearts, so you will know your Ways cleansed by it*; and he charged them to *avoid all vain and idle Company, and to be diligent in frequenting*

quenting the Aſſemblies of the Lord's Peo-
ple, and to have an Ear open to receive
the good Council and Advice of them
who fear the Lord, and are faithful to
him, and to keep Society with ſuch, and
to flee youthful Luſts, which war againſt
the Soul; and moreover he ſaid, *Love*
the righteous Judgments of the Lord,
and have Regard to the Fear of God,
and love Humility, ſo ſhall you receive
Wiſdom and Underſtanding; *and be*
obedient to your Mother, and be tender
over her; *and be not conceited, nor high-*
minded; and he alſo charged them to
read the Scripture, and other good Books.
Thus did this good Man, like *Abraham*,
charge his Children to walk before the
Lord; he was very reſigned, and
given up to die, and expreſſed his
Love to the Brethren; ſaying, *My*
Love in the Lord Jeſus is to all the
Faithful; *and remember my dear Love*
unto them, and to all the faithful La-
bourers; not long before he died,
John Field viſiting him, he looked
earneſtly on him; his Wife aſked if
he knew him? he anſwered, *No*; ſhe
told

told him; he reply'd, *He is the first Man I did not know*; at which Time he seem'd very retired in his Mind unto the Lord, his Rock, and his Refuge; several Times lifting up his Hands, and shewed a Willingness to be turned; and then said, *I have spoken my Mind while I could speak, and now I cannot.*

He died the 20th of the Ninth Month 1684, about five in the Afternoon, and was honourably buried at Friends Burying-ground in *Bunhill-fields*, many Hundreds of Friends and Brethren accompanying his Corpse to the Grave.

Aged 55
A Minister 26
} Years.

ELeanor *Barcroft*, Daughter of *William Barcroft*, near *Edenderry*, in *King's County*, *Ireland*, was a young Woman of a clean and innocent Conversation, obedient to her Parents, and loving to all, but especially to the godly,

Godly, whoſe Company was her Delight; and as her Life was good, ſo was her Death. In the Time of her Sickneſs ſhe deſired to have the 10th Chapter of *Luke* read, wherein two Paſſages were remarkable to her; the one of the Man enquiring *who was his Neighbour?* the other of *Martha* and *Mary*; at the reading of which ſhe was much refreſhed. The Morning before ſhe died, it was obſerved ſhe prayed with a low Voice, and did wreſtle in Spirit with the Lord; and in the Afternoon the Lord did ſo appear, that the Pangs of Death were as it were taken away, ſo that ſhe ſung Hymns and ſpiritual Songs of Praiſe to Chriſt her Redeemer; and afterwards ſaid, *Oh! that I might live with thee for ever, and for evermore*; then ſhe took Leave of her Parents and Relations. Being aſked how ſhe did? ſhe anſwered, *I feel neither Pain nor Trouble*; and hearing her Mother weep, ſaid, *Why doth my Mother weep, for I am well*;

so with these and some other Words, which cannot be well remembred, because of the Sorrow of those about her, she departed this Life with the Seal of Assurance in the true Faith, and is gone to her Rest, and hath left a good Memorial behind her.

She died the 27th of the Eighth Month 1678, in the 19th Year of her Age.

THE Words and Testimony of *Thomas Gettos*, of *Bandon* in *Ireland*, about eight Hours before his Departure out of this Life; he was Weak in Body, but fervent in Mind, and perfect in Memory; taken from his Mouth the 22d of the Third Month 1682.

"I have known the Terrors of the "Lord for Sin, and for Transgres- "sion committed against him in the "Time of my Youth; but he that "is an everlasting Fountain of Life "and Mercy, did not leave me in the

"Greatness

" Greatneſs of my Wickedneſs, but
" did in the Abundance of his Pity
" and Compaſſion viſit me, and find
" me out, and did lay hold on me by
" his Judgments, and did awaken me,
" even in that dead State and Con-
" dition he found me in; and did
" make manifeſt his living Truth,
" *viz.* Chriſt Jeſus, the Light of the
" World, which enlightens every
" one that cometh into the World,
" of the whole Stock of Mankind;
" ſo the Light and Life being made
" manifeſt unto me, it became the
" Joy of my Heart, and the Life
" of my Soul; and ſo I was brought
" to ſee that I muſt come to deny
" the World, and the Glory and
" Riches thereof, and the Honour
" thereof, and all Things that are
" beneath: And it became a very
" great Croſs unto the fleſhly Part,
" which I ſaw I muſt daily keep
" unto; for when I went from that
" which crucified me unto the World,
" and the World unto me, my Ene-
" my prevailed over me; ſo that I

" ſaw the Words of Chriſt fulfilled
" in me, in that Reſpect, according
" to his Teſtimony, who declared
" on this wiſe ; *Whoſoever doth not*
" *bear his Croſs, and come after me,*
" *cannot be my Diſciple* ; ſo when I
" came to ſee that heavenly Trea-
" ſure made manifeſt, and revealed
" in my Soul, and kept my Affec-
" tions thereunto, the Yoke of Chriſt
" which ſeemed to be ſo heavy, be-
" came light ; even ſo it is unto all
" them that keep in faithful Obedi-
" ence unto him, and take up his
" daily Croſs ; ſo that I have known
" a Travel towards that ſpiritual
" Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour
" Jeſus Chriſt ; for I ſaw a Race ſet
" before me, and I ſaw, if I did run
" with all my Might, it was poſſible
" for me to obtain the Prize ; ſo
" that therein I have had an Exerciſe
" of my Faith ; for had I not believed
" in the Object of my Faith Chriſt
" Jeſus, it had been impoſſible for
" me to run that bleſſed Race ; and
" as I was faithful and obedient unto

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" the Manifeſtation of Chriſt, which
" is God's Righteouſneſs, which is
" manifeſt and received in the inter-
" nal Parts, I received daily Sup-
" plies of Strength in my greateſt
" Exerciſes; unto whom then ſhall
" I return the Glory and the Praiſe of
" this wonderful Work of my Salva-
" tion, and eternal Happineſs, but
" unto Chriſt Jeſus, the great Fountain
" of Life, Mercy, and Truth, and
" Righteouſneſs? which I do deſire to
" return at this Time, and at all other
" Times, unto him who lives and
" reigns for ever, God over all, bleſſed
" for evermore.

" And now, *my Friends*, as the
" Lord brought theſe Things unto my
" Remembrance, I could do no leſs
" than declare unto you the won-
" derful Dealings of the Lord to my
" Soul, that all thereby might re-
" ceive the Inſtructions of the Lord,
" who is forewarning the Sons and
" Daughters of Men, according to
" the Greatneſs of his Wiſdom. And
" certainly, although the Lord never

" created Man to deſtroy him, yet
" his Determination ſhall ſtand for
" ever; that is, they that take
" Warning in the Day of their Viſi-
" tation, and do return with all their
" Hearts, and with all their Souls,
" ſhall find the Way of Life made
" manifeſt, and revealed in them,
" which leads unto the Father, who
" is an eternal Fountain of Life.
" But they that neglect the Day of
" their Viſitation, muſt be ſhut up
" under Darkneſs, until the great
" Day of the Lord. And then they
" ſhall come to know they have re-
" belled againſt him, and muſt know
" his righteous Judgments, although
" it be to their everlaſting Deſtruc-
" tion; ſo here they ſhall ſee and
" know that their Deſtruction was
" and is of themſelves; and God
" will be glorified, even in the De-
" ſtruction of his Enemies. And now
" it is the Deſire of my Heart and
" Soul, even before the Lord God
" Almighty, that all may be warned
" and awakened out of that State of

" Deadneſs

" Deadneſs and Security, which the
" God of this World hath brought
" them into, ſo that the righteous
" Judgments of the Lord might be
" made manifeſt unto them, that ſo
" they may lay hold of his Mercy;
" in the Day of their Viſitation.
" And as for my dear Friends, who
" have known the gathering Arm
" of his Power into the holy Habi-
" tation of our God, which is *Jeru-*
" *ſalem*, which is from above, the
" Mother of us all; I warn you all in
" the Fear of the Lord to be care-
" ful to keep your Habitation, for in
" that conſiſts your Safety; for while
" *Iſrael* kept the Place, wherein God
" ordained to be in outwardly, *Balaam*
" could not curſe them, nor no In-
" chantment could be found to pre-
" vail againſt them; but when the
" Wiles of their Adverſaries inticed
" them out of their Habitations,
" how many Thouſands were de-
" ſtroyed thereby: The Enemy ſtands
" without this holy Habitation of
" the People of the Lord, to intice

 " his

" his People to mix with a wrong
" Seed, and then we give our Strength
" to our Enemies, and ſo be fool away
" that heavenly Treaſure which God
" hath committed to our Charge.
" And notwithſtanding the Enemy
" hath prevailed over many upon this
" Account, yet I have taken notice
" of the Goodneſs of this heavenly
" Shepherd, and great Biſhop of our
" Souls, who hath ſought after them
" alſo, that have been ſcatter'd out
" of the Fold by that Means. And
" many he hath laid hold on by
" the Crook of his Judgments, and
" brought them back to the Fold
" again. And behold how many have
" periſhed, to the Grief of the Shep-
" herd, and of the Flock alſo. But
" Oh! for ever bleſſed and praiſed
" be the Lord, that hath kept and
" preſerved a Remnant that hath
" faithfully followed him, who are
" built upon the Rock Chriſt Jeſus,
" where they ſtand ſtedfaſtly, ſhewing
" forth the Greatneſs of his Love.
" And are as a City on a Hill, that

" are ſeen far and near; and are be-
" come the Light of the dark World,
" by the ſhining of their holy Con-
" verſation; and ſo ſhining by Re-
" flection, receiving their Light con-
" tinually from Chriſt Jeſus, the true
" Light of the World. So bleſſed
" are all they who know the gather-
" ing into this bleſſed City, and
" abide ſtedfaſt unto the End; for
" the Lord hath choſen Mount *Sion*
" unto himſelf, that from thence
" his Glory might be proclaimed
" throughout all Generations. And
" now my dearly beloved Friends,
" who I dearly ſalute, even in the
" Bowels of our Lord and Saviour
" Jeſus Chriſt; Oh! my Love unto
" you all is beyond Expreſſion, who
" have kept in faithful Obedience
" unto the Truth; Oh! the bleſſed
" Satisfaction that we have found in
" him, when we have been gathered
" into his Name, and there drank
" together in one Spirit, ſo that our
" Souls have been exceedingly refreſh-
" ed, and we have been made Par-

" takers of the heavenly Bread, which " hath been broken plentifully unto " us, even at the Table of the Lord. " Oh! never forget thoſe bleſſed Op- " portunities, but as you are kept in " ſpiritual Health, you will feel a " hungering after the Bread of Life, " Day after Day, and a thirſting after " the Water of Life alſo; ſo being " kept here, you are capable of the " Bleſſing of the Lord, and will ſee " the Scripture fulfilled in yourſelves, " which ſaith, *Bleſſed are they that* " *hunger and thirſt after Righteouſneſs,* " *for they ſhall be ſatisfied:*" And about eight Hours after he had delivered this to Friends preſent, he died in Peace, the 22d of the Third Month 1682.

JAMES *Blackhouſe*, of *Yelland-Conyers*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was born of believing Parents, called *Quakers*, in the Year 1668, and when he grew up, he received the ſame Faith,

Faith, and for ſeveral Years profeſſed Truth in much Sincerity and Plainneſs; he was a Man of a blameleſs Converſation, and a good Example, and of great Service in divers Affairs of Truth, until the Year 1697 he was, at the Suit of the Dean and Chapter of *Worceſter*, apprehended, and committed to *Lancaſter* Caſtle for his *Chriſtian* Teſtimony againſt Tithes, where he continued for ſome Time a faithful Sufferer, until he fell ſick of Body, which increaſed upon him to the finiſhing of his Life in this World; and when he was (as to outward Appearance) nigh unto Death, the Lord revived his Spirit, and he did ſing, and make pleaſant Melody unto God in his Heart; and ſaid, *The Lord hath appeared in a wonderful manner unto my Soul, and the Lord hath removed and taken away the Pains of this my outward Body, and hath received me into his Boſom, and hath ſet me upon his holy Mountain, which is as ſure as Mount* Sion, *that cannot be moved, and it is better for me to die than to live.*

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He died a faithful Sufferer for the Teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt, in *Lancaſter* Caſtle, the 13th Day of the Fourth Month 1697. Aged twenty-nine Years.

MErcy *Johnſon*, Wife of *Elihu Johnſon*, of *Mancheſter*, and Daughter of *Samuel Watſon*, of *Stanforth* in the County of *York*; was born the 7th Day of the Fifth Month 1670. She received a Gift of the Miniſtry while unmarried; and in the Year 1697 travelled with *Jennet Stow* in the Work of the Goſpel into the *Weſtern* Parts, and *Southern* Parts of *England*, and in ſome Part of *Wales*; and in the Year 1699 went with her Father *Samuel Watſon* into *Scotland*, to viſit the Meetings of Friends in that Nation: She was a tender Woman, of a weakly Conſtitution of Body, though many Times, when in the Lord's Service, ſhe ſeemed very ſtrong, and was concerned in her

ſier Spirit for the Good of all, and for the Proſperity of Truth, and deſired no long Life in this World. In the Beginning of her Illneſs ſhe often deſired of the Lord to *give her Patience to undergo what might be ſuffered to come upon her* : After, her Illneſs abated, but in ſome Time came again violently upon her ; alſo ſhe was ſenſible her End drew near, and often deſired it in the Time of her Sickneſs ; the Lord favoured her with his Preſence, and made her ſick Bed pleaſant to her, inſomuch that ſhe ſang Praiſes to the Lord, the Giver of all good Things : Many Friends viſited her in her Sickneſs, and it was a Comfort to them and her Relations, to feel the Lord's Preſence with her, and ſhe declared of the *Goodneſs of God*, and how *well content ſhe was to be taken off the Stage of this World*, ſaying, *I am not in love with it* ; and many were her excellent Sayings, which are not remembred ; near her latter End, ſhe was more fill'd with God's Salvation, and ſome of her Words were as followeth ; ſome

Friends

Friends being preſent, *Happy are you whoſe Kingdom is not of this World, but of the Father's; the Father's Kingdom, your Kingdom!* Friends, *love God better than all, be faithful to the Lord every one, although you are but few. I could have been glad that the whole Meeting had been here, ſurely they will remember what I ſaid the laſt Meeting I opened my Mouth among them; that was to prize their precious Time, not knowing how long they might have Time, neither what Exerciſes they have yet to meet withal; now the Time draws near, that I ſhall go to an everlaſting Kingdom, where all Sorrow, Tears and Sighing ſhall be done away, Glory, Glory in the Higheſt, to the Lord my God, who hath been with me, and born up my Head in Time of great Exerciſes; I have nothing to do but to die; keep you near to the Lord, that ſo when you come to lay down your Heads, you may have nothing to do but die;* then ſpeaking to her Huſband, ſhe ſaid, *Oh! my Dear, I have in the Time of my Health, deſired to live with the Lord, and to be faithful to him,*

him, and now I ſee I have nothing to ſpare; What will become of thoſe who live a careleſs Life, and don't make a right Uſe of their precious Time? She was in the Time of her ſpeaking theſe Words, filled with the Love of God, and the ſweet Spirit of Life did attend her, to the Comfort of thoſe preſent; and ſhe ſaid, *this outward Body grows weaker and weaker, yet bleſſed and praiſed be the Lord, my inward Man grows ſtronger and ſtronger*; and in Time of Silence made Songs of Melody to God in her Heart: After a Friend prayed by her, ſhe ſaid, *I am ſo filled with God's Love, I ſhall never be emptied again*; ſhe much longed to go out of this World, waiting for the coming of the Lord to remove her; and ſaid, *My dear Children, I have prayed for them, who are near and dear to me, but now I can leave them freely, and commit them into the Hand of my God*; and ſpeaking to her Huſband and them, ſhe ſaid, *I muſt part with all, and I will bid you all Farewel, the Lord bleſs you all, and keep you all, in all your*

Exerciſes

Exerciſes that will come upon you ; I believe the Lord will be with you, as you have an Eye to him ; another Time ſhe ſaid, *Have nothing to do with them of ill Spirits, but keep to God, and he will give you Power over them.* She was much grieved to ſee any profeſſing Truth, to be light and airy, out of the Savour of it, and ſaid, *a Day of Trial will come upon them* ; another Time, being in a quiet Frame of Mind, ſhe ſaid, *The ſooner a Period is put to this Life, the ſooner I ſhall go to my everlaſting Comfort.* One wiſhing her a good Night, ſhe ſaid, *I ſhall have a good Night, let it be how it will, bleſſed and praiſed be the Name of the Lord, I am full of his Goodneſs ; what a great Difference betwixt being thus, and in ſome of my ſick Fits ? there is a great Comfort in one, but not in the other, only that I think that its doing the Work, and haſtening me to my everlaſting Joy* : A little before ſhe was taken away, having got ſome Reſt in Sleep, when ſhe was awakened, ſaid, *Now I am very ſenſible I muſt go ſoon to my Joy, that will laſt*

for

for ever; and ſpeaking to her Huſband ſaid, *Fare thee well my Dear, now I ſhall be well in a little Time*; then ſhe lay ſtill a little while again, ſhe ſaid to thoſe preſent, *Oh! the Lord is the beſt Maſter you can ſerve, while you live, for he will reward you in your Afflictions as he rewards me; Oh! he is a Fountain ſet open for me in a full manner, in my Affliction, Glory, Glory, Praiſes, Praiſes to his eternal Name; I will praiſe him whilſt I have Breath in my Noſtrils, he has been a merciful God to me, and has helped me over many Things, and has blotted out my Sins, and will remember them no more; Oh! Praiſe, Honour, and Glory to him for evermore; and now into thy Hand I commit my dear Huſband, and Children, whom thou haſt beſtowed upon me, and will take me from them, bleſs and preſerve them to the End.* Thus ſhe was drawn forth to ſupplicate the Lord for all; ſaying, *I love all, and God above all, for what he hath done for me*; after this ſhe aſked, *what Hour it was?* they told her, *four in the Morning*; ſhe ſaid,

I ſhall

I ſhall ſurely be gone in a few Hours to my everlaſting Reſt; deſiring her *dear Love might be remembred to all Friends in general*; and then ſhe lay down quietly, waiting for her Change, and deſired all might be ſtill, and none come to diſturb her in her paſſing away; after ſhe awaked, ſhe ſaid, *Let us praiſe the Lord once more; we will love him above all; all Glory, Praiſe, and eternal Renown to his moſt worthy Name, he hath filled my Heart, and is near to crown my Soul; I would not live if I might chuſe to have the whole World, Oh! thou the Lord art better than all, my Soul magnifies thee, Honour, Glory, and eternal high Praiſes be given to thee for ever, and for evermore; I will praiſe thee to the End; Lord be with my dear Huſband and Children to the End.* She ſaid, *I hope you will remember me when I am gone, to the Comfort of your Souls.* She ſaid to her Huſband, *The Lord united us in his own Love together, and in his Love he will part us. I was always ſatisfied before and ſince, that the Lord's Hand brought us together.* The Firſt day

day of the Week, ſeveral Friends came to viſit her, whom ſhe exhorted to *be faithful to what God had made known to them*; and her Words had Power with them, to the tendring the Hearts of them ſhe ſpake to; a little before her Departure, ſhe had a Mind to ſend for her Father to her Burial, who was an antient Man about eighty Years of Age, and dwelt forty Miles off; he coming, ſhe was glad, and told him, *how good God had been unto her in the Time of her Sickneſs*; and ſaid, *if it was not for the Hope of Glory which is to come, I had fainted*; after which ſhe ſaid, *Now Lord, when thou pleaſeſt remove me, I am content with thy Will, when thou ſeeſt meet*; and ſhe continued in a heavenly Frame of Mind; a young Woman who uſed to go to Meeting, coming to ſee her, ſhe gave good Advice; afterwards fell aſleep; when ſhe awaked, her Huſband aſked her, if ſhe would drink any thing? ſhe ſaid, *I have had a full Draught of the Goodneſs of my God, I did not ſo much as think of Cordials*, and ſo continued

nued *praiſing the Lord for his Goodneſs, and the Enjoyment of his Preſence*; ſhe ſaid, *My Troubles in a little Time will be over, and I ſhall be at Reſt and Peace with my God, where I ſhall praiſe him for ever*; and ſhe ſaid, *Methinks in a Viſion I have ſeen my dear Mother, and Siſters, in ſhining Garments, where I ſhall be ſoon, he is a great and mighty King, that I am to go to; Oh! love ſo, that you that ſtay a little behind, may come after*: A little before ſhe died, her Huſband aſked her, how ſhe did? and ſhe ſaid, *come near*, and ſhe kiſſed him, and bid him, *Farewel*; and preſently again ſhe ſaid, *let us bid Farewel again*; and ſo died, as if ſhe had fallen aſleep, about the tenth Hour at Night, the 14th of the Twelfth Month 1704. In the 34th Year of her Age.

A few

A few Words of tender Counſel *and* Advice *to* FRIENDS, *given forth by* MERCY JOHNSON *upon her dying Bed, two Days before ſhe died; which ſhe deſired might be communicated to* FRIENDS, 1704.

"DEAR Friends, both Old and "Young, wherever theſe may "come, my Love ſalutes you dearly, "deſiring the Welfare of your Bodies "and Souls; and have in my Meaſure "laboured amongſt Friends in many "Places whilſt with them, for the "Proſperity of Truth, and Good of "Souls, and now ſhall be taken away: "I find a great Concern upon me, to "leave as Advice and tender Caution "to all, that you keep near to Truth,

"and

" and love it, ſeeking the Honour of it
" above all Things; and *dear Friends*,
" love one another, and as you have
" an Eye to Truth, and ſeek the
" Honour of it before your own, then
" will your Love flow one unto ano-
" ther, and Whiſpering, with Back-
" biting, and Tale-bearing, will be
" removed from you, for I have ſeen
" the ill Effects of ſuch Things many
" Times: And *dear Friends*, in your
" Meetings for Buſineſs upon Truth's
" Account, have your Eye to the
" Lord, and wait to have your Minds
" ſtayed upon him, reſpecting one ano-
" ther above yourſelves for Truth's
" Sake, and you waiting thus upon
" the Lord, to work in you, and for
" you, and to open your Mouths to
" ſpeak a Word in Seaſon; reaſon
" not, but give up freely to act and
" ſpeak for Truth, whether you be
" Young or Old; not in Highmind-
" edneſs, but in true Fear before
" the Lord; for I muſt tell you, the
" Humble, and thoſe that abaſe them-
" ſelves, the Lord will exalt, but the

High-

" High-mined, and thoſe of an exalted
" Spirit, the Lord will abaſe and hum-
" ble them, and make them know he
" is God, and will be bowed to by
" every high Spirit : Therefore *dear*
" *Friends*, let the Truth have the Reign
" in you, to govern your Words, tho'
" never ſo few, that they may be
" rightly ſeaſon'd with Grace, that ſo
" you may edify one another, and
" ſuffer no unruly Spirit to appear in
" your Meetings, neither in Old nor
" Young, but ſtand in the Counſel of
" God, and he will give you a Word
" in due Seaſon, to ſtop the Mouths of
" all Gainſayers of the bleſſed Truth,
" and the Work you are called to do
" in your Days ; thus the Lord will
" bleſs, and more and more proſper
" his Work in you, to your Comfort,
" and his eternal Praiſe, to whom all
" is due. I can tell you, it will be
" well with you, to be faithful to the
" Lord, when you come to a dying
" Bed, as now I am ; I feel Peace
" and true Conſolation with the Lord,
" and my Love herein dearly ſalutes

" you,

"you, and bids you all *Farewel*, who "am your dear and tender Sister,

"MERCY JOHNSON."

TAcy *Davis*, Wife of *Richard Davis*, of *Welsh Pool* in *Montogmery-shire*; she formerly dwelt in *London*, but after her Marriage, removed with her Husband to *Pool* aboveſaid, where were few or no Friends at that Time, which was about the Year 1659. She had a publick Teſtimony in Meetings, and was inſtrumental to bring many to the Truth, and was an Entertainer with her Husband of Strangers, and a nurſing Mother to thoſe in Priſon for the Teſtimony of a good Conſcience; and they lived together to old Age; she cheerfully went through the various Exerciſes and hard Sufferings which attended in thoſe Days those that profeſſed the bleſſed Truth; she was taken ſick the 29th of the Second Month 1705, and

and had been at a Meeting the same Day, which was kept at their House about forty Years. After the Extremity of her Pain was somewhat abated, she said, *People don't think it hard to die, as I find it*; and pray'd thus. "O "Lord accept of me in thy well-belov-"ed Son Christ Jesus; I have loved "thee with all my Soul and Spirit, I "have kept thy Commandments; Oh! "Lord bless my Family with all hea-"venly Blessings, grant to them that "they may live in thy Fear." She said to the Servant Maid, who was not a Friend, *Remember thy Creator in the Days of thy Youth; leave off thy Vanity before such a Day as this overtake thee; I have nothing to do but to strive with this natural Distemper; I loved the Lord in my young Days, and he kept me from many Evils, and when he was pleased to make known his blessed Truth to me, he helped me to work out my Salvation with Fear and Trembling; that Work I have not to do now, the Lord Jesus Christ did it in me, and for me*; upon which the Maid wept much. At another Time, Pain coming

another, she said, *I feel that I am of a strong Constitution, and that Nature would not yield to my Distemper*; and prayed fervently, saying, "Come Lord Jesus "Christ, come quickly, and put an "End to my Pain; Lord I long to be "with thee for ever." Another Time she pray'd "O Lord, I am the Work-"manship of thy Hands, thou hast often "helped me in the Time of Need, for "thy Name's Sake help me now in the "Time of my Distress, thou art my "God, thy Hope, and my Help; I will "trust in thee, Oh my God! Oh God! "hasten thy Coming for thy Son Christ "Jesus's Sake." Another Time, she said to her Husband, *I have done too little for the Lord*; her Husband put her in mind of her many former Services, and particularly visiting his Servants when in Prison for Christ's Sake, feeding them when hungry, entertaining Strangers, and when sick, very tender in helping them, &c. She replied, *All this is too little to do for the Lord Jesus's Sake, who hath loved us; we must not depend upon these Things, but we must depend and*

truſt in our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; and when we have done all, let us account ourſelves unprofitable Servants, for we have done but that which was our Duty; and a little before ſhe died, ſhe deſired her Husband to *praiſe the Lord with her, for all his Mercies, and at this Time, that I feel his living Preſence, to my great Comfort*; and ſhe prayed herſelf, ſaying, "O Lord, thou "haſt been a Father to me, thou haſt "kept me from Evil, and now I truſt "in thy great Name, that thou wilt "not forſake me for thy Son Chriſt "Jeſus's Sake, take me to thyſelf."

And ſhe was heard: About the ſixth Hour in the Afternoon, on the Firſt-day of the Third Month 1705. the Lord in his Love and Mercy took her to himſelf, in great Quietneſs and Peace of Spirit, in about the 90th Year of her Age.

Mercy Emes, late Wife of *Charles Emes*, of *Warwick*, and Daughter of *John Garner*, of *Kinningſworth* of the ſame County, Yeoman. Her firſt Huſband's Name was *Charles Devale*, a French-man, who was formerly a Prieſt of the Church of *England*, and Chaplain to the Earl of *Eſſex*, but for Conſcience-ſake he left that Church, and join'd with the *Baptiſts* in *London*; amongſt which People he continued until his Death. The ſaid *Mercy*, before ſhe was his Wife, attended upon the old Counteſs of *Ranelugh*, from which Family *Charles Devale* married her: She did from a Child ſeek after the Kingdom of Heaven, and when ſhe was among the *Baptiſts*, was diſſatisfied with the Doctrine which ſhe often heard preached of God's abſolute Reprobation of Men; and upon that Account ſought for a People who had better Tidings to preach; and in her Enquiry came to a Meeting of the

the People called *Quakers*, where ſhe heard preached the *free Grace of God, which bringeth Salvation, that it did appear to all Men, teaching them to deny Ungodlineſs and worldly Luſts; that we ſhould live ſoberly, and righteouſly, and godly in this preſent World*, &c. And from that Time ſhe (with two other of her Acquaintance who were with her) left the *Baptiſts*, and embraced the Truth, and join'd in Fellowſhip with the People called *Quakers*; among which People ſhe married *Charles Emes*: She often praiſed the Lord for the Knowledge of his Truth, which ſhe loved and valued above all outward Enjoyments, and ordered her Converſation according thereunto, unto the End of her Days. *Titus* ii. 11, 12, 13, 14.

Her Sickneſs held her about five Weeks, in which Time ſhe ſaid, *It was a good Thing to be ready to die, and not to have that Work to do, when we are to leave the World*; and the Lord was large in his Love to her; for which ſhe bleſſed his Name in the Senſe of his

Mercy; and as her Friends and Neighbours came to visit her, she exhorted them in great Love and Tenderness, which caused much Brokenness of Heart amongst them; one visiting her, she said, *I have a Love to thee, thou art convinced, but not converted, hold on thy Way, the Lord will do thee Good*; another Time two Friends visiting her, one enquir'd, how she did? she answered, *I am a dying Woman, I am going to my God, and thy God*; she said, *why so long coming to see me*; he told her the Reason; she replied, *thy Heart is towards* Sion, *and so is the other Friends; keep your Shoulder to the Work which God hath put upon you, hold him forth to the Nations, be not ashamed of Christ, he is a glorious Saviour, if I should live I must declare it, if I live I cannot hold my Peace.* And she testified to the Service of Womens Meetings, saying, *Women have a Service for God as well as Men, and Womens Meetings are of Service, and this is my Testimony before I die.* To a Friend who was under some doubtful Thoughts,

Thoughts, she spake by way of Encouragement, saying, *Thou wilt meet with many Troubles, but it will be well with thee in the End*; with more Words to that Purpose. She spent much of the Time of her Sickness in praising God. The Day before she died, she spake to several Friends concerning their States and Conditions in the Truth; she was freely resigned to die, and nothing seem'd hard to her to part with, except her two little Children, of whom she often said, *My little Babes*; but she declared her Satisfaction, that the Lord would provide for them; (which is in part fulfilled already) a few Hours before she died, her Husband coming to her Bed-side, about Midnight, found her praying that her Soul to the Lord; and she said to him, *The Sting of Death is taken away; I am not afraid to die, I have the Evidence of God's Love sealed to me*: Moreover, she said, *my Bed is a Bed of Roses*; which Expression she used several Times in her Sickness, so resigning her Soul unto the Lord.

She finished this Life the 31st of the Eighth Month 1697, and was buried among Friends at *Warwick*.

Sarah Kirkbride, Wife of *Joseph Kirkbride*, of *Pensilvania*, and Daughter of *Mahlon Stacy*, of West *Jersey* in *America*, she was virtuous from her Childhood, and very dutiful to her Parents, and an Example of Piety to her latter End. She was taken sick the 24th Day of the Ninth Month 1693, having then lain three Weeks in Childbed; in the Time of her Sickness, she uttered many living and weighty Expressions, desiring to be dissolved; saying, *I have not been afraid of Death these many Years; Death is no Terror unto me, my God hath taken away its Sting*: She being under great Weight of bodily Affliction, and seeing her Husband under Trouble for her, she said, *My Dear, if it please the Lord to strip thee of thy Meet-help again, my God will be thy Rock, he hath been*

thy Stay hitherto; and he will never leave thee; and further ſaid, *The Lord will bring me to his holy Hill, and I ſhall praiſe him upon Mount* Sion, *with his Saints and holy Angels*; ſhe again ſaid, *I ſhall praiſe thee, Oh my God, and my Chriſt, World without End.* Soon after her Huſband was moved to pray by her, *That the Lord would be pleaſed to ſupport and ſtrengthen her in her Diſtreſs and great Affliction, and to bear up her exerciſed Soul, and to make them truly willing to ſubmit to his holy Will, whether in Life or Death*; at which Words ſhe ſaid *Amen, Amen*; a little after her Huſband aſk'd her, how ſhe did? ſhe ſaid, *I am ſweetly comforted in my Affliction, the Lord is exceeding good to my Soul*; with many more good Expreſſions ſhe uttered upon ſeveral Occaſions, that cannot be remembred; the Evening before ſhe departed this Life, ſome Friends being come to ſee her, ſhe ſaid, *I am weak of Body, but the Lord is very good to my Soul, and hath filled me with his Love, but my bodily Weakneſs is ſuch, that it renders*

me uncapable of praising him as I ought to do. And to her Husband, she said, *The Lord hath heard thy Prayers for me this Morning, and hath satisfied my Soul to the full*; more she said to the same Purpose, taking her Husband's Children by the Hand, embracing them, and exhorting them to *fear the Lord, and to love and obey their Father*; and said, *he hath been a good Father to you*: A little before she died, she said, *My God, I come, I come*; and soon after she departed this Life, and is enter'd into that Rest that will never have an End.

She died the 28th of the Ninth Month 1705. Aged 29 Years.

Of

Of a Maid of 19 Years of Age.

Sarah Thompson, Daughter of *George Thompson*, of *Crook* in *Westmorland*, she was a Maidy who in her Life-time did truly fear the Lord, and remembred her Creator in the Days of her Youth, and she sought the Honour and Promotion of Truth, according to the Measure of Grace which she had received; and according to the Understanding God had given her; she was faithful, and her Understanding was good, and Capacity large in Things natural, as well as religious; she took great Delight in reading the Holy Scriptures, and other Religious Books, and was careful to put in Practice what she did read, and would often be speaking of heavenly Things in the Family, and exhorting to Virtue and Patience; for it was a great Trouble to her when she saw any impatient, or in Difference

ference in the Family: She was obedient to her Parents, and very tender over them; kind and compassionate to all, and was beloved of them that knew her; her Temper was sweet, and of a cheerful Spirit, and good Courage, but not rash, and of few Words, and very careful not to give Offence to those she was at any Time in Company with, who were not of our Profession in Religion, and very sorrowful when she saw any professing the Truth, who did not walk answerable to the same. In her Life-time she was much afflicted with Shortness of Breath, which she did patiently bear, and would say, *She durst not murmur at it, lest she should offend the Lord*: She often retired alone into solitary Places, and said, that *When she had been alone, and meditating upon the Things of God, that the Lord did wonderfully break in upon her Soul, by his glorious Light, and good Spirit, and let her see over the World, Time and Mortality, into Eternity, which Appearance of his Presence did very much affect her*; and

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ſhe alſo ſaid, *the Lord had ſhewed her that the Time would not be long until he would eaſe her of all her Pain and Sorrow, and take her to himſelf*: Another Time ſhe ſaid, *The Lord was preſent with her, and did comfort her in the Midſt of all her Afflictions, and did ſpeak Peace to her Soul in the Midſt of her Troubles*, which ſhe ſaid, *did make hard Things eaſy to her*: She ſickned the 1ſt of the Twelfth Month 1702. In the Time of her Illneſs, the Lord's Power and Preſence did attend her, and ſhe uttered many weighty Expreſſions, with wholſome Council and Advice, to the Comfort of thoſe about her; obſerving her Friends ſorrowful, ſhe ſaid, *You trouble me to ſee you ſo, why are you ſo unwiſe? it would be more Satisfaction to me, if you did not one of you ſhed a Tear for me; muſt we not all part? what's Death a Terror to ye? it's no Terror to me, I am not at all daunted at it, for I am content whether I live or die, for if I am ſpared at this Time, you muſt not keep me long, having been ſenſible ſome Time, that I have not long to*

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live; cannot you freely give me up, and part with me, I am but a poor infirm Creature, and it will be well with me? I shall be freed from many Troubles, and from many Dangers, which you will be expoſed unto that ſtay behind; for I ſee as long as we are here, we are liable to many Temptations; I know they will be Exercises to you, but keep to that which is good, and God will keep you, for he hath kept me many a Time, as I have kept my Mind unto him. This ſhe ſpoke on the Sixth-day of the Week in the Afternoon. At another Time her Father and Mother, and two Siſters, ſtanding at her Bed-ſide, ſhe ſaid to them, *I muſt die; and I have a Word of Council to you all; be faithful to your Gifts that God hath given you, I beg it of you; and over-charge not your Minds with any Thing of this World, for you ſee how frail Fleſh is, and how ſoon we are gone;* with many more weighty Expreſſions which were not remembered; after which ſhe ſaid, *I deſire you to remember my Words when I am gone, that it may be well with you*

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at your latter End, that you and I may meet in the Mansions of Glory, where we may never part; and be all of you content, for it's well with me; I have made my Peace with God, and I feel nothing to rise up in Judgment against me, for the Lord hath forgiven me my Sins, and mine Iniquities, and I feel my Mind is very quiet and still, and hath been ever since I begun with this Illness; there is nothing cumbereth my Mind, not so much as a Temptation is presented, and I have been born over my Exercises far beyond my Expectation: Her Brother *Isaac* being from Home, in the Service of Truth, she said, *Remember my dear Love to my dear Brother; if I die, tell him from me, that my Soul is gone into everlasting Rest, where I hope we shall meet again in the heavenly Joy, where we shall never part*; and said she, *I think I have done, and I'll take my Leave of you*; then taking them one by one by the Hand, she kissed them; and bid them all *Farewell*; and she said, *I do not know when my Life will go, I would gladly die*; then she prayed to the

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Lord, and continued in Prayer a conſiderable Time; in which Time ſhe was very powerful, and was filled with divine Praiſes, and the Power of God was felt by them that were preſent with her, and their Hearts were abundantly comforted, and were made to bleſs the Name of the Lord on her Behalf; ſhe prayed fervently for the *Preſervation of thoſe which ſhould be left behind her when ſhe was gone; he had kept and preſerved her from the many hurtful Things that is in this World, and that he would help them through their Exerciſes, as he had helped her many a Time, for which ſhe bleſſed his Name,* and ſo concluded her Prayer with returning living Praiſes and Thankſgiving unto God; then ſhe ſignified unto them, how ſhe had felt the Lord's Power to ſupport her in her Life-time, for ſaid ſhe, *I have often cryed unto the Lord to help me through my Exerciſes, and he hath anſwered my Prayer many a Time, to my great Admiration.* She lay ſtill a while, and afterwards began to pray again to the Lord, with a heavenly

venly ſweet Melody, which did attend her; but ſhe ſpake ſo low, few of her Words could be diſtinctly underſtood by them that were preſent; then ſhe aſked for her Grandmother, who was above 80 Years of Age, who coming to her, ſhe took her by the Hand, and ſaid unto her, *Thou art now very antient, the Lord hath been very merciful to thee, and hath given thee many Years, far above what many attain to, and if thou come ſhort of making thy Peace with God, thou canſt not ſay it was for want of Days. But ſee to the Improvement of thy Gift, I beg it of thee before thy Days be over, that it may be well with thee at thy latter End, that thy Soul and mine may meet again in the heavenly Joy:* Her Couſin *Robert Thompſon*, a young Man, coming in, I aſked her, how ſhe did? She anſwered, *I am a paſſing away in Peace, and ſo may all do that keep faithful to their God*; then lying quiet, and ſlumbering a little, afterwards ſaid, *I have had a ſweet Dream*; her Mother aſked, what? ſhe anſwered, *I thought there were four Angels that were con-*

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ducting me to the Land of Rest: I have had this Dream, said she, *twice over, but I am here yet, I am long a going, you have waited long*; her Mother said, thy Death is hard to win; she said, *It will come by and by, I have prayed to the Lord to make my Way easy through Death*: Her Sickness increasing upon her, she grew very weak, so that it was thought she would not have spoken any more, it being about two Hours before her Departure, yet the Lord was pleased to give her Strength again, so that many weighty Words did proceed from her, to the tendring of the Hearts of them that were about her, both Friends and others; and speaking to her Father and Mother, *desired them not to mind the Things of this World, but to serve the Lord in their Day, who is worthy to be served, who is the Lord of Lords, and King of Kings*; desiring them to *remember the Words of their dying Daughter*; exhorting to *live in Love and Charity*, and to be *prepared for their latter End, where they might meet in everlasting Joy, never to part.*

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Then asking for her Cousin, above-named, he came to her, and she said, *Dear Cousin, whom I love as my own Soul, thou art young, and in the Prime of thy Time, see thou serve God in the Flower of thy Age, the Lord hath created thee that thou mightest serve him; see thou answer the End for which thou was created; and dear Cousin, I believe the Lord hath a Service for thee if thou be faithful to him, and I wish well for thy Soul, as for my own, desiring thou mayst be faithful to God in thy Day, that thou mayst have thy Account ready, against thy Day of Dissolution, that thou and I may meet again, where we shall live to sing Hosannah to the Lord for evermore.* Then asking for one who was related to her, she said, *I have something to say to him*; he coming to her, she said to him, *I remember there was a Time when thou thoughtst thou shouldst have died, and thou wast under great Exercise, for I believe thou hadst lived a very loose Life, and the Lord smote thee with his Judgments, and I remember thou madest a Vow, that if the Lord would spare thee*

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at that Time, thou wouldſt amend, and do ſo no more; and it pleaſed the Lord to ſpare thee; but Oh! ſaid ſhe, haſt thou fulfilled thy Vow? She exhorted him to *more Faithfulneſs, that he might obtain Peace to his Soul, before the Day of his Viſitation went over his Head*; and ſhe ſaid to her Siſters, *Beſure you be good to my Mother when I am gone, and mind not the fading Things of this World*; after which ſhe ſpake not many Words; but if ſhe had been aſked, how ſhe did? ſhe would reply, *I am very well, and in a ſweet Frame, I am going to a ſweet Place.*

She departed the 6th Day of the Twelfth Month, being the Seventh-day of the Week, about the firſt Hour in the Afternoon, 1702.

James Baines, Son of *William* and *Sarah Bains*, of *Stangerthwait* in the County of *Weſtmorland*, was one who began to ſeek the Lord in his young Years; and as he grew in Sincerity and Zeal for the bleſſed Truth, and increaſed in his Concern for the Promotion thereof, ſome Time before he died, God opened his Mouth in a publick Teſtimony for the Lord Jeſus Chriſt and his pure Religion; in which he was very fervent, having a Sight how eminently God would appear for thoſe who were faithful; and he had a Word of Encouragement to them; but ſharp in Judgment to the Backſliders and Unfaithful: And although he was under much Affliction, by reaſon of bodily Infirmities and Diſtempers which grew upon him; yet he was more and more devoted to Truth's Service (as if he had known that his Time was not to be long in this World) even to within ſome Hours

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that his laſt Sickneſs ſeized upon him. And notwithſtanding he was under great Pain and Exerciſe of Body, yet the Power and Preſence of the Lord was with him, which was his great Support and Strength; and he often ſpake of the Goodneſs of God to his Soul, and of that inward Sweetneſs, Peace and Comfort, that the Lord was pleaſed to afford unto him in his great Afflictions, to the great Satisfaction of thoſe who were preſent.

He gave much wholſome Advice in the Time of his Sickneſs to Friends and others, and ſpake of the Proſperity of Truth, and ſaid in particular to his Relations, as followeth; *As we are Children of believing Parents, and have had our Education amongſt Friends, ſo I would not have you to reſt contented there, but be ſolid, and weighty, and humble yourſelves under the mighty Hand of God; and as you abide here, you will feel the Goodneſs of the Lord to ſpring in your Souls, to your great Comfort, and inward Peace and Satisfaction. I know our natural Tempers are inclinable to be light and airy,*

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like other People, therefore we have more Occaſion to be bowed and mighty in our Minds; and ſpeaking concerning Tithes, *he deſired Friends would keep up their Teſtimony againſt them; for*, ſaid he, *I could have ſlipt Sufferings, if I would have given way to it, but it was a Thing I durſt not do; but I accounted it a great Mercy that the Lord had bleſſed me with ſomething to part with for his Name and Truth's Sake.* And although he ſuffered pretty much at Times, upon the Account of Tithes, yet the Lord's Goodneſs to him did over-ballance all, ſo that he had a Word of Encouragement to others on that Account. Upon Occaſion, ſpeaking of the Uncertainty of Riches, he ſaid, *at ſome Time I purſued them, and they fled from me*; but this Uſe he ſaid he made of it; *to conclude it was not a City here I was to ſeek after, but one in the Heavens, whoſe Maker and Builder is God*; this he ſpake as Caution to others. And at ſeveral Times he expreſſed *his great Peace with God here, and full Aſſurance of eternal Bleſſedneſs in the World to come, through*

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the Attonement made by the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Work of Sanctification of his Spirit; the Day before he died, hearing that that antient Friend *Anne Camm* was deceased, he said, *Ah! that honest honourable Woman, is she gone to her eternal Rest before me? I shall follow her very shortly, where we shall meet never to part again.* Many were the comfortable Expressions, and seasonable Advice which he gave forth in his Sickness, that cannot be remembred; and as in his Life-time he honoured the Truth, so was his latter End comfortable, and full of Peace; in which he departed this Life, the 1st of the Tenth Month 1705. Aged 51 Years, and was buried at Friends Burying-ground at *Sedbergh* Meeting-house.

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POSTSCRIPT.

The TESTIMONY *of* ISAAC ALEXANDER, *concerning* JAMES BAINES, *in a* Letter *dated the* 8*th of the Tenth Month* 1705, *who alſo died the* 11*th of the Twelfth Month after him.*

" OUR truly beloved and eſteemed " Friend *James Bains* departed " this Life the 1ſt of this Inſtant ; " and though he was afflicted with " great Pain, yet he bore it with ad- " mirable Patience ; for though I live " remote from him, and notwithſtand- " ing my Unfitneſs, I went often to " viſit him, and I don't remember that " ſince I came amongſt Friends, any " Friend ſo univerſally viſited by all " Sorts of People as he was, eſpecially " by faithful Friends ; neither did I

" ever visit a Friend in such a Case,
" who had that Reach upon all Sorts
" of People, both in the Expressions
" that he declared in the Time of his
" Sickness; and also the Frame of his
" Spirit, it was admirably reaching
" and melting, beyond what I can ex-
" press; and so continued to the End,
" as sweet and sensible as ever; he
" died with the greatest Esteem and
" Love to Friends and Truth, and in
" great Esteem and Interest in the
" Hearts of Friends; he died in a
" most happy and blessed Condition.

" ISAAC ALEXANDER."

JOHN *Blaikling*, of *Draw-well* in the Parish of *Sedbergh* in *Yorkshire*, bordering on *Westmorland*, was born in the ninth Month 1625, and he and his Wife, and his Father and Mother were People of good Repute and Esteem amongst all that knew them, being all very religiously inclined from their Youth,

Youth, and were all convinced of the Truth, in the Third Month 1652. by the Ministry of that truly honourable Servant of Christ *George Fox*, whom they received into their House with Joy, because of the glad Tidings of Salvation that he brought unto them; soon after which *John Blaikling* accompanied *George Fox* to *Durham* Gaol, where many were also convinced of Truth. About the latter End of the Year 1654, or Beginning of 1655, *John Blaikling* received a Dispensation of the Gospel, to publish to the World, and was very serviceable therein to many, and soon after he was called by the Lord into the County of *Durham*, *Northumberland*, and the East of *Yorkshire*, where he had (and many Times since, in his frequent Visits of those Places) good Services, and with great Respect received and loved while he lived; a few Years after, he travelled into *Scotland*, visiting a great Part of that Nation, and in his Return as well as going out, visited the Northern Counties of *England*, and settled

pleased God to raise up others to bear Testimony of his Truth in the Meeting *John Blaikling* belonged to (and the adjacent Meetings) to answer the Service in part, which before lay much upon *John*; he was not only glad thereof, but a great Encourager of them, and all others at all Times, that came up in a publick Testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the true Light.

He also travelled into many other Cities, and Counties; as at *London*, *Bristol*, *Lincolnshire*, *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, and *Essex*, and most Counties of this Nation, and many Times to *London*; in which Service he faithfully continued, till Weakness of Body, and old Age prevented; the last Time he visited *London*, was when he came up to the Yearly-meeting in 1698; that Service being over, he visited the most of Friends Meetings in the County of *Kent*, and his Service was very acceptable amongst them.

He was endued with a great Gift of Discerning, of solid Judgment, and

deep Understanding in heavenly Things, (as well as in the Things relating to this Life) his Ministry was attended with Power, and though his Utterance was not eloquent, yet full of profound and weighty Matter, suitable to the several States in the Auditory where he did minister; he was an Example in a tender humble Life and Conversation, and zealous for good Order in the Church of Christ, as well as stedfast in opposing and bearing Testimony against such as would endeavour to break Unity, and so lead into a loose Liberty, Disorder, and Confusion, as well as other evil Works. It was at *John Blaikling*'s House, which is called *Draw-well*, that the memorable Meeting was held, for the endeavouring the Recovery of *John Story*, and *John Wilkinson*, and others, who opposed the good Order and Discipline now established in the Churches of Christ; the said Meeting began upon the 3d Day of the Second Month 1676, and continued four Days: But notwithstanding the Labours of many

Brethren met at that Time from divers Parts of the Nation, and particularly four Friends from the City of *London*; the said *John Story*, and *John Wilkinson*, continued in their Contention and Opposition to Friends; and not long after *William Rogers* published a great Book against Friends, which *John Blaikling*, &c. answered, intitul'd, *Antichristian Treachery discover'd, and its Way blocked up*; a Volume in Folio, of about 50 Sheets.

He was a great Supporter of such as were in low Circumstances in the World, often assisted them in difficult Cases, to the exposing himself to great Hazards of Loss; and many Times he was blessed with good Success therein. He obtained the Blessing of Peace-makers, being of a good Understanding, was qualified with Judgment and Patience to reconcile Differences about temporal Affairs, which was a Means to bring him into many Concerns of Trust for Orphans, &c. which is always attended with great Care and Trouble, and which often

fell to his Lot. The Loſs of him in the Church, as well as among the Neighbourhood is great. He was not only called to believe in, and preach Chriſt Jeſus, the Truth, the Way, and the Life, but alſo to ſuffer for his Name's Sake, not only by Loſs of Goods to a great Value, but alſo by Impriſonments ſeveral Times at *York*, about ſixty Miles from his Family, both on Account of Meetings for the Worſhip of God, and in a firm Teſtimony againſt Tithes: Whilſt he had Strength, he was diligent in attending Meetings; but old Age, and bodily Infirmities growing upon him latterly, ſometimes prevented him: And ſeveral Times he did expreſs himſelf to Friends in private, *the Comfort that he had in the Lord's Peace and Preſence with him to his Satisfaction in his old Age, and that his Days Work was nigh done, and his Reward and Reſt with God ſure:* And this Teſtimony agrees with the laſt Letter that I received from him, ſave one Part, as followeth:

"*Dear* JOHN,

"I Love thee in the trueſt Love "that ſprings from Jeſus Chriſt "the Fountain thereof, by and in "which my Life ſtandeth; though as "to Bodily Strength and Health I "grow weak and feeble, but my Life "in God ſtandeth, whoſe I am, and "I am comfortably content; I am "ſcarcely able to walk to the Door, "nor have I been at a Meeting this "ſeveral Weeks, but the Lord's Will "be done, I am comforted in the Re-"membrance of my former Services "for the Lord, his Truth, and Peo-"ple, for which I want not my Re-"ward in this my old Age:— Take "Time to read, I am almoſt blind, "yet well content.

"J. BLAIKLING."

He often ſignified his *Preparedneſs to leave this World, with fervent Deſires for Truth's Proſperity, and the Preſerva-*

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tion of Unity and Concord amongſt Brethren, in a faithful and ſteady Teſtimony for the ſame in every Part thereof, as led into by God's Power in the Beginning: Not long before his Death, his antient and intimate Friend and Acquaintance *Thomas Camm* being with him, he ſaid to him, *Thou and I have not ſought our own Intereſt, but have devoted ourſelves to ſerve the Lord, his Truth and People, he is, and will be our great Reward in the End of all our Troubles; I am greatly ſatisfied that I have faithfully ſerved the Lord, and done my Day's Work, and enjoy the Earneſt of that Peace and Reſt God hath laid up for his People; and if thou and I ſhall never have Opportunity to meet again in the Outward, yet in Eternity our Spirits, with the Spirits of juſt Men made perfect, ſhall meet never to part again. I pray God* (ſaid he) *with all my Soul, if it be his Will, for his Truth and Peoples Sake, to lengthen thy Days, and grant thee that Strength of Body and Health, that at leaſt thou mayeſt be able once more to viſit* London, Briſtol, *and the Southern Parts of*

this Nation, which will be of great Service, and acceptable unto many. This he ſpake with great Tenderneſs of Spirit; to which *Thomas Camm* replied, *The Will of the Lord be done, I am in his Hand.* So in much Brokenneſs embracing and kiſſing each other, they parted; this was four or five Days before his Death. He had a ſhort Sickneſs, and an eaſy Death, falling into a fainting Fit, as ſometimes before.

He paſſed quietly away out of this World, without Sigh or Groan, wanting about four Months of eighty Years, and was honourably buried at Friends Burial-place, at *Sedbergh* Meeting-houſe, the 4th Day of the Fifth Month 1705.

Of THOMAS GILPIN, *an antient* Miniſter *of the* Goſpel.

THomas *Gilpin* was born in the Year 1662, Son of *Thomas Gilpin*, of *Mill-hill* in the Pariſh of *Caton* near *Lancaſter*;

Lancaſter; his Parents had five Sons, and five Daughters, whereof *Thomas* was youngeſt Son; they were People of good Repute in the Country, and were religious, being called *Puritans*, who educated their Children very ſtrictly: After his Father's Deceaſe, his Mother removed with her Children to *Kendal* in *Weſtmorland*, (five of her Children being dead) and ſhe was ſo zealous as to force them into Acts of Religion, before they knew what they did, as to pray without a Form, *&c. Thomas* being but about ten Years of Age, conſidered it was not right, for he ſaid, *he knew not who to pray unto.* After he grew up in more Years, and his Mother deceaſed, he ran into fooliſh and wanton Delights, as Sports and Paſtime, Muſick and Dancing. And went to *London*, to Prentice to a Tallow-Chandler, and after went into the Wars (being the Time of the civil Wars in *England*) where he was tempted into more Evils; yet in all this Time the Lord did follow him by his good Spirit, *reproving him in his own*

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Conſcience for his Sins, which brought great Fear and Trouble upon him; but by one Means or other he endeavoured to get over thoſe Convictions, and ſo continued a conſiderable Time ſtriving againſt the good Spirit of God, but oftentimes the Lord again did awaken him, and brought the Conſideration of Death upon him, even in the Times of Sickneſs, and of Battle, which he was often in; then he would cry to the Lord for *Mercy, and that he would deliver him from Death at ſuch Times, making Promiſes of Reformation for the future*; and God was merciful, and ſpared him, yet he forgot his Promiſes and Covenants, and fell into the ſame Evils again; after which the Lord brought *double Fear and Torment upon him*, until at laſt he received the bleſſed Truth, as preached by the People called *Quakers*; and in *believing in, and obeying the Light and Spirit of Chriſt manifeſted in his own Heart, he came to receive Power over thoſe Sins which had prevailed in Times paſt over him, and ſo came truly to know Repentance, and Re-*

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miſſion of Sins, in the Name of Jeſus Chriſt, the true Light of the World. And afterwards in the Remembrance of the unſpeakable Long-ſuffering and Mercy of God unto him, he ſaid in his Life-time, *ſhall it not be recorded to Poſterity for the Benefit of my Children, and my Childrens Children, that it may be a Warning to the Obſtinate and Rebellious, to turn from the Evil of their Ways, whilſt the Spirit of the Lord ſtriveth with them, leaſt the Day of their Viſitation goeth over their Heads.*

In the Year 1653, *Ambroſe Rigg*, *Thomas Robinſon*, and *Jane Waugh*, came into the County of *Oxford*, to preach the free Goſpel of the Grace of God; at which Time *Thomas Gilpin* received their Teſtimony; and after eight or nine Years waiting upon God in Silence, God gave him a Diſpenſation of the ſame Goſpel to preach to others, and he became an able Miniſter, *ſhewing himſelf approved unto God, a Workman that needed not to be aſhamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.* In which Service he laboured much, travelling moſt Parts of *England*, but chiefly in the Counties of *Oxon*,

Oxon, *Berks*, and *Bucks*; he was a Prisoner for his Testimony to the Truth twice at *Oxon*, and once in *Newgate* in *London*: His Settlement was in the Parish of *Warborrough* in the County of *Oxon*, where he married *Joan*, the Daughter of *Thomas Bartholomew*, of the same Parish, Husband-man; in which Place he was instrumental to settle a Church or Meeting of the People called *Quakers*, which remaineth to this Day, as well in many other Parts where he travelled, he was successful by his Ministry, to *turn many to Righteousness, and for the building them up, and establishing them in the most holy Faith.* In the Year 1702, and the 80th Year of his Age, he was weak in Body for most Part of the Winter, but complained little of either Sickness or Pain, his Body gradually decaying. In the Time of his Sickness, he desired one of his Sons to *remember his dear Love to Friends, and give them Account of his Sickness and Departure.* As he was zealous for God and his Truth, in the Time of his Health, so he was to his End,

End, for he went to Friends Meetings for the Worship of God, as long as he was able; saying, *I am willing to be a good Example so long as I have Strength to go*: when he was so weak, that he could hardly go out of his Chamber, he desired Friends to meet in his Room, which was not long before he died; at which Time he signified to Friends, that *He was satisfied, that as to Words he must cease, but this was his Comfort, that he did enjoy the Power of the Word of Life, which is beyond all Words*; and exhorted Friends to *Faithfulness*, and to *keep their Meetings, and not to look out at his being removed from them*; putting them in Mind of the *Goodness and Love of God, which had been largely manifested both to him and them, in carrying them through many Trials and Exercises, and in preserving them in Love and Unity one with another*, which he desired they would be careful to continue in; when he had done speaking, a Friend prayed, and *Thomas Gilpin*'s Heart was much comforted in feeling the Presence of the Lord, as well those who were present,

preſent, were much tendered and broken into Tears, and at Concluſion, he again recommended *Love and Unity one with another*; and alſo declared that *he was given up in the Will of the Lord*, and took his Leave of them all. This was the laſt Meeting he had with Friends; but he was much viſited by Friends, and it was a Comfort and Delight to him to ſee them, and ſometimes it was hard for him to part with them, ſaying, *this is ſuch a parting as we never had before.* The Lord was very good to him all the Time of his Sickneſs, and did often cauſe his Heart, in the Feeling of Life, to ſound forth Praiſes to the Name of God; and he did ſay, *he believed he did as much deſire to die, as ever any one did deſire to live, although he wanted for nothing in this World*; but ſaid, *I long to be diſſolved, and to be with the Lord, yet willing to wait God's good Pleaſure.* The Day before he died, *viz.* the 2d of the Twelfth Month, ſome Friends viſiting him, he deſired one of them to *ſupplicate the Lord on his Behalf, to put an End to his*

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Days, and make his Paſſage eaſy; after ſome Time the Friend prayed to that Purpoſe; when he had done, *Thomas Gilpin* lifting up his Hands ſaid, *The Lord grant thy Requeſt, which thou haſt made to him this Day*; though at that Time to outward Appearance, he ſeemed likely to have lived ſome Days, yet he quickly altered, and the Morrow about the fifth Hour in the Afternoon, he departed this Life, being the 3d Day of the Twelfth Month 1702. He left behind him three Sons, and two Daughters, and all of them had Children.

He was buried honourably the 8th of the Twelfth Month 1702, after he had profeſſed Truth forty nine Years, and had been a Miniſter of the Goſpel forty Years.

Richard

Richard Andrews, Son of *Richard Andrews*, late of *London*, Silkman, and his Mother one of the Daughters of our antient Friend *Thomas Gilpin* aforesaid; he was educated by his Father-in-Law *Moses West*, of *Hempsted* in *Hertfordshire*, and his own Mother, not only in useful Learning, in order to his Accomplishment for Trade and good Settlement in the World, but also it was their great Care to have him brought in the Way of Truth. And he was put to Apprentice in *London*, in the Silk Trade; but after some Years, what by the Examples of others, and Temptations of the Enemy, he declined from his former Simplicity and Sobriety, and good Inclination to Truth, into more Liberty, and vain Company and Fashions of the World, which was a Grief to his Father and Mother; he was taken ill about eight or nine Months before he died, of a Decay of Nature, which terminated

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in a Consumption; and such was the Goodness of God to him, that he was awakened in himself, into a Consideration of his inward Condition, the Visitation of God by his Spirit being upon him, and he had frequent Visions in the Night, of the near Approach of his latter End. And being at *Hempsted* with his Father and Mother, he had Opportunity to retire alone into private Places, where he did pour out his Soul to the Lord in Supplication, and great Travail of Soul came upon him, especially towards his latter End, for he was bowed in deep Humility, praying for the Light of God's Countenance, in whose Presence is Life, Peace and Comfort; but the Lord was pleased to chastize him by hiding his Face from him for a Time, yet he kept his Hold, trusting in the Lord; though in this State he met with many Assaults from the Devil, and Temptations, to despond of God's Mercy, now he knew what it was to read in the Book of Conscience, and for his Works to go beforehand to Judgment: Now he disliked

disliked the Company of those young Men, his former Companions, with whom he used to walk abroad in the Fields, sometimes on First-day After-noon, and neglecting going to Meeting for the publick Worship of God, which now became a very great Trouble to him, and that he should spend his precious Time so vainly; his Powdering and Appareling, and such like Follies, he particularly expresst a great Sorrow for, promising that *if the Lord should prolong his Days, he would endeavour to follow the best Examples, and strictest Way of Living amongst faithful Friends*; calling to mind, and praising the good Life of his Grandfather *Gilpin*; a Friend visiting him, together with the good Advice of his Father, concerning the Lord's Hand that was upon him, it being not in Anger, but in Mercy, that he might turn unto him, with fervent Desire after him, and Enjoyment of him, and when he should obtain, that his Wants should be supplied; so after some Time the Lord did appear in him, and did lift up his

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Spirit as a Standard againſt the Enemy of his Soul, who came in like a Flood, and tempted him to doubt of his Mercy, ſo that he was comforted like a Man reprieved from Judgment, tho' not as yet having a full Aſſurance of his Pardon; but a living Hope ſprang up more and more, which became as an Anchor to his Mind; and his Company became delightful, becauſe of thoſe ſerious Reflections he made on Things, and religious Diſcourſes which he had with thoſe about him. One Time he ſaid to his Father and Mother, *I will appeal to you, if you ever heard me repine at the Exerciſe and Pain I have went thro' ſince I have been at Home, all this Time of my great Weakneſs?* No, ſaid he, *I have deſired the Lord to let me have all my Puniſhment in this Life.* Indeed he was ſweet and cheerful under all his Pain, which was very great; and he grew very bright and living, when he had got Dominion over his Doubts and Fears. Near his latter End, through the Prevalency of his Diſtemper, he was ſomewhat broken

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in Understanding, and wandered in his Discourse, though his Talk was inoffensive; yet as if he had foreseen this, a little before, a Kinsman of his, not one called a *Quaker*, offered to tarry with him, to which he shewed himself unwilling, giving this Reason to his Father and Mother, saying, *May be I shall be light-headed, and ramble in my Words, and be or others may inconsiderately reflect upon my Profession:* Though his Sickness was long, his Death was pretty sudden, having kept his Bed but four Days, in which Time (whilst sensible) he was kept in a most sweet resigned Frame of Soul; being by his Bed-side, was like being in a well replenished Meeting. Near his End he said to his Father and Mother, *Do not grieve, the Lord is with me*, with much more to the same Purpose; so lying still and quiet, he went away with a Smile, and is at Peace with the Lord.

He died about the twenty first Year of his Age.

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PRiſcilla Richards, Daughter of *John Richards*, of *Howſey* near *Liſkard*, in the County of *Cornwall*, and of *Priſcilla* his Wife, was born at *Liſkard* the 18th of the Sixth Month 1680, and though educated in her Father's Family, who were moſtly Strangers to the living Way of Truth, now in this our Age revealed, only her Mother frequented the Meetings of the People called *Quakers*; yet did this young Maiden begin according to the Advice of the wiſe Man, to *remember her Creator in the Days of her Youth*; and did not only come to the Meetings of the ſaid People, but ſhe turned with her Heart to the Lord, and as ſhe came towards ſeventeen Years of Age, ſhe grew in the Fear of God, and in Plainneſs and Solidity, not regarding the Gaiety of this perſhing World, ſo as to ſet her Heart thereon, but became very modeſt in her Habit, Speech, Geſture, and in all her Deportment,

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and was greatly in Love with the Company of the beſt Friends, to whom ſhe alſo became very acceptable; and tho' the Family in which ſhe lived, might miniſter Occaſion to her, to look out at the Ways and Glory of this World, yet was ſhe as one weaned therefrom, and delighted in Retirement of Spirit, and in that Society, which might be helpful to her in her Way to that heavenly Habitation, to which ſhe was travelling, and whereunto the Lord brought her in the very Prime of her blooming Years; for ſhe was ſcarcely twenty Years of Age, when ſhe was viſited with ſome Infirmities of Body, which ſtill drove her nearer the Lord; and although ſhe met with ſome Exerciſes grievous to her tender Spirit, yet ſhe was reſigned to the Will of God. And about the Beginning of the Year 1704, it was perceived by ſome Symptoms, that her Diſtemper tended to a Dropſy, in which abundance of Care, both of Parents and able Phyſicians, was uſed, yet her Diſeaſe increaſed, ſo that it was apparent ſome Months

before she died, that there was little or no Hopes of her Recovery; which she foresaw, yet was very well satisfied and resigned to the Will of God, in which she had Peace and great Quietness of Mind, and would often testify as much to her Mother, and those about her, as well as Friends, who frequently visited her; for she having her Affections drawn out of the World, it became easier to her to leave it.

In a Letter to a particular Friend, who married her near Relation, written about fourteen Days before she died, she says thus;

" *Dear Cousin,*

" I Should have given an Account " of my Sickness, but exceeding " illness hindered me, and my Mother, " what with Sorrow for me, and want of " Time, occasioned the same Neglect. " I am now very ill, being swoln all " over my Body, except my Hands " and Arms, and am scarcely able to " walk the Chamber without Help;

" but I am freely given up to the Will
" of my heavenly Father, whether for
" Life or Death; I should be glad to
" see any of you here, for my Time in
" this World is not like to be long;
" I have been a little better at my
" Heart this four or five Days, but
" how it will please the Lord to deal
" with me I know not; my dear
" Love is to thee, thy Wife and Chil-
" dren, wishing you Health and Peace
" in this Life, and Happiness in the
" World to come, being, *dear Cousin*,
" thine affectionate, *&c.*

P. RICHARDS."

This was written in a Time of great Weakness of Body, but her Spirit was strong in the Lord, having kept the Faith, and by it was made a Conqueror. About which Time her Mother sitting by her, she said, *It is well for me that I feared the Lord in my Youth, seeing old Age is not like to be my Lot.*

Those Friends who visited her in this Time of her Weakness, were greatly comforted

comforted in the Teſtimony ſhe gave, and Senſe they had of her living Condition of Soul, in a dying State of Body. To a Friend who ſaid to her, I hope, if thou doſt Recover, thou wilt live to praiſe the Lord; ſhe replied, *I do not deſire Life upon any other Terms.* Her Expreſſions were many, and frequent, as to her Peace and Acquieſcence of Mind, but, her Friends not ſuppoſing her End to be ſo near, were not duly written down. Her Mother at a certain Time, hearing her ſpeaking of her Willingneſs to be with the Lord, ſaid, what haſt thou no Sympathy with my Sorrow and Grief, at the parting from thee, *&c.* ſhe replied, *Mother, thou beginneſt to grow old, and it will not be long e'er we meet again in a better Place, if we are found doing the Will of God.* And in this Sweetneſs of Temper, ſhe abode without Reluctancy or Impatience at her State of Body, which decayed daily; for on the twelfth of the Seventh Month 1704, ſhe was taken with ſome fainting Fits, which made her Attendants ſtir more than uſual, at

which she reviving, said, *Why did you not let me alone, I was very easy, and in much quiet*; and then turning to her Mother, she said, *Time will come; don't grieve, nor make the Lord angry.* And to some about her, *Don't leave Repentance until a dying Hour, for the Body hath enough to do to bear its Pains*; and at Night, her Father going to Bed, took Leave of her, she said, *if she never saw or spake to him more, she was well.* But then her Pains returned on her, yet she got up the next Day, but had again some such dying Fits, however continued till the next Day after, always being very sensible, under no manner of Disturbance in Mind, and on the fourteenth of the Seventh Month, being sensibly weakened, and feeling the Approaches of Death, she said, *Come, come, come, why so long*; and in a very little Time after, called out, *Lord Jesus receive my Spirit*, and presently breathed forth her last, according to her Prayer to the Lord, that she might not go stupified out of the World, for she died in full Understanding, and Sound-

neſs of Mind, and is gone to Reſt in the Lord, bleſſed be his Name for ever.

On the 18th of the Seventh Month 1704 her Body was decently buried, from her Father's Houſe, in Friends Burying-Ground in the Pariſh of *Liſkard*.

Thus we have here an Example of what one of old ſaid, *Of Youth that is ſoon perfected, which ſhall condemn the many Years, and old Age of the Ungodly.*

William Turner, of *Hitchin* in *Hertfordſhire*, was one who ſought after Truth and Righteouſneſs from his Childhood, and when but a Youth, complained to a Profeſſor, that *he much deſired an inward Acquaintance with the Lord, and to be acquainted with the Spirit of God, was what his Soul longed for*; the Profeſſor adviſed him to be acquainted with the Scriptures, which he had done before, and could not be ſatisfied with the reading of what God

did for his People in former Ages, without feeling after God, and knowing him for himſelf. And it pleaſed the Lord in the Riches of his Love, to anſwer the Deſires of his Soul, and to open the Way of Life, and to manifeſt the Truth, as believed by the People called *Quakers*; he was convinced thereof, when he was about twenty Years of Age, by the Miniſtry of *Thomas Green*, and having attained to that which his Soul longed for, *viz.* the true Knowledge of God, he preſently became obedient to the good Spirit of God, and ſuffered both ſpoiling of his Goods, and Impriſonment for the Truth's Sake; his Love to which he did manifeſt, by bearing faithful Teſtimony to the ſame. He was a Man of a blameleſs Life, and godly Converſation, having Regard to the Honour of Truth in all Things, ſeeking the Advancement thereof, over and above his own temporal Intereſt; he was a hearty Lover of the Friends of Truth, and eſpecially of the faithful Publiſhers of the Goſpel, to whom his Heart and Houſe was always open to

receive them. He was a Lover of Peace and Unity in the Church, and ſteady in his Teſtimony againſt Looſneſs and undue Liberty, and thoſe who oppoſed Goſpel Order; he was indeed a Pillar in the Church, and a careful Overſeer of the Flock, whom ſometimes he was concerned to exhort in a brief Teſtimony; which being delivered in much Tenderneſs and Brokenneſs of Spirit, was of Service and Comfort to the faithful People of God.

He was much afflicted with Pain and Weakneſs of Body a conſiderable Time before he died, but bore it with much Patience; his Wife cannot remember that ſhe ever heard one unadviſed Word proceed out of his Mouth all the Time of his Illneſs; and he would ſay, that *his Affliction was not laid upon him in Anger, but whom the Lord loved, he chaſtizeth*; when his Wife did bewail the Loſs ſhe ſhould have of him, he ſaid, *It will be better for me to go hence, for I ſhall be at Reſt and Peace, where there ſhall be no more*

Trouble. About three Days before his Death, he called for his Children, and said, *What I have to say, I shall speak in a few Words, but remember them when I am gone; mind Truth above all, and then God will bless you! and be kind to your Mother, and do nothing without her Advice; and don't marry to any but them that love Truth well.* And he charged his Children *to be none of them that strive to stay at Home, but strive who shall go to Meeting.* A little before he died, he said, *I find nothing but that it will be well with me to all Eternity.* To his eldest Daughter *Elizabeth*, Wife of *John Pryor*, of *Hertford*, he said, *Be an upright-hearted Woman, and walk uprightly before the Lord.*

He departed this Life the sixth of the First Month 1704, in the 61st Year of his Age, after he had believed in Truth forty one Years. His Body was decently buried in Friends Burying-ground at *Hitchin.*

FRancis Blaikling, of Windet near Sedberg in Yorkshire, was an harmless Man from his Youth, born of good sober Parentage, he was convinced of the blessed Truth about the Time of George Fox's first coming to publish Truth, which was in the Year 1652, and he gladly received the Truth in the Love of it, and faithfully walked in it, and cheerfully suffered for it, not only extream spoiling his Goods, but pretty long Imprisonment in York Castle; and the Lord not only gave him to believe and to suffer, but also gave him a Part of the Ministry, to testify unto the blessed Truth, which he had believed in, and to that Word of Reconciliation, nigh in the Heart, in which Work, according to his Measure, he was a faithful Labourer, tho' he did not travel far abroad, neither was his Testimony long, but it was very easy, and comfortable to the Faithful, and he in a plain Testimony

hit the Mark, both in Reproof to the Wicked, and Comfort of true Mourners in *Sion*; he was a Man well beloved, and esteemed both by Friends and others; wherefore in the Time of his Sickness, many came to visit him, who found him in a comfortable Frame of Spirit; he patiently enduring those Bodily Infirmities which he was under, and much resigned in his Mind to God's Will, whether for Life or Death, often saying, *the Lord was, and always had been very good and favourable to him, and he found nothing but Peace to his Soul from the Lord, and he was ready to leave this World, whenever the Lord pleased to call him out of it.*

And thus in much Sweetness and Cheerfulness, his Spirit was born up in his Sickness, increasing in Sweetness of Spirit, and Expressions which are not written down, being not perfectly remembred. As he lived in Love and Unity with his Brethren, so he died, saying to many Friends who came to visit him, *Dear Friend, my Love and Life is with thee.*

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He departed this Life the 10th of the first Month 1704. Aged 73 Years, a Believer in Truth 52 Years.

An Account of some remarkable Words spoken by HAYS HAMILTON, *Son of* HUGH HAMILTON, *of* Ireland, *a little before his Death. Aged 12 Years.*

HE said, *he had been several Times in a Place by himself, where he wished he had been for ever, he enjoyed so much of the comfortable Presence of the Lord in silent waiting upon him, and meditating in his Law, which drew his Soul in a Rapture.* He also told his School-master, about twelve Days before he died, the Day he left the School, (as the said School-master *Charles Kemidg* did testify) *that his said Master should see him go no more that Way, until he saw him carried to his Burial*; his Master asked the Reason for his saying

ſaying ſo, he ſaid, *he knew that he had taken the* Small-pox, *and that he ſhould dye of that Diſeaſe*, which accordingly came to paſs about twelve Days following.

He hearing his Mother reading the firſt of *Cor.* xv. 50. where the Apoſtle *Paul* ſays, *Fleſh and Blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God*; he aſked his Father what he thought of that Saying? the Father turned that Queſtion to his Son, and aſked his Opinion of it; he replied, *as God was a Spirit, that which was for his Uſe, he would make it ſpiritual, and therefore no longer Fleſh and Blood.*

He alſo, when troubled with ſeveral Queſtions about Baptiſm, he ſaid, *he could prove from* Epheſ. iv. 5. *that there was but one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptiſm*; and he ſaid, *them that will be ſatisfied with that of Water, let them hold it; for my Part, I depend nothing upon it, I depend only upon the Baptiſm of the Spirit, and I doubt there is many that talks moſt about Baptiſm, knows very little what it is.*

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He was taken ſick, and about a quarter of an Hour before he died, he ſat up in his Bed, his Mother and Siſters by him, and he aſked what Day of the Week it was? ſhe told him, and he aſked the Hour of the Day, the which ſhe told; then he ſaid, *Heaven is not far from me*; his Aunt aſked him, if he was willing to leave his Father and Mother, and all the World to go to Heaven? He ſaid, *Yes, I am*; and further ſaid, *It is a ſweet Change.* She deſired the Lord to prepare him, and clear the Way for him; he looking ſharply in her Face, ſaid, *I know the Way, and who hath cleared it.* And ſo died in Peace, the ſeventh of the third Month 1697, in the 12th Year and 7th Month of his Age.

THE dying Words of *Thomas Vokins*, Son of *Richard* and *Joan Vokins*, of *Weſt Charlow* in the County of *Berks*; the Day before his Departure he prayed thus. *Oh! bleſſed God, if it be*

be thy Will to take me this Night, make my Paſſage eaſy; not my Will be done, thy Will be done: Oh Lord! thou deliveredſt Jacob out of all his Troubles.

Another Time he ſaid, *There is a good Spirit, as well as a bad Spirit; and if the good Spirit be taken heed unto, it will be felt as ſtrong to lead into Good, as the bad Spirit is to lead into Wickedneſs.* And not one Hour before he died, his Mother and others being preſent, he ſaid, *Mother, the Lord is exceeding good to me, and hath been all along this eight or nine Weeks of my Exerciſes, and when I could hardly ſpeak, his ſweet Preſence hath been with me, and his Life hath ſweetly refreſhed me.*

And as his Mother ſat by him, ſhe felt the Power of the Lord, and ſhe ſpake to Friends in the Chamber to be ſtill, and this innocent young Man died like a Lamb, without Sigh or Groan, and thoſe preſent felt the Power of the Lord with him at his Departure, and were greatly refreſhed; much was ſpoken by him of the Goodneſs of the Lord,

Lord, but his Voice being low, it could not well be heard.

He died the 23d of the Second Month 1683.

Richard Hakins, Brother to the aforesaid *Thomas Hakins*: In the Time of his Sickness, he kept feeling in Retirement within, and when he first took his Bed, he examin'd himself before the Lord thus; saying, *Lord, have I done any Thing to offend thee, have I wronged any Man?* And desiring the Lord would take off all Reproach from off his People; and during his Sickness, he was preserved in a quiet Frame of Mind, no impatient Words coming from him; expressing how the Lord had preserved him in true Simplicity, which was his great Comfort, and gave good Advice to several who came to see him, saying to them, *It is well with me, you cannot think what I enjoy.* In the Time of his Health, he was an humble, tenderhearted Man, considerate

conſiderate of his Servants, and poor People that worked for him; often ſaying, *that he would not inrich himſelf out of their Labours*; and was glad when he could do Good to any; one Time he called for his two Children, and prayed the Lord to bleſs them; his Wife aſked him, if it did not ſeem hard to part with them? to which he replied, *No, all is well, there is nothing troubles me, all is well*; deſiring his dear Children might *take him for an Example, and live no worſe a Life than he had done.* After this, his Wife ſaid, the Lord is able to raiſe thee again if it be his Will; he replied, *I know he is able, but he doth not intend to reſtore me again*; and he told his Doctor, *he could do him no Good.* In the Time of his Sickneſs, the Impropriator and Servants cleared his Orchard of Apples to the Value of 4*l.* for Tithes; his Wife aſked if thoſe People plundering them, did not trouble him? he replied, *No, not at all, the Lord forgive them, they know not what they do.* When his Wife perceived his Speech to alter, ſhe again aſked him,

him, if he was willing to leave the World? he replied, *Yes, very willing:* Soon after his Speech went quite away, and next Day he died in Peace, being the twelfth of the Eighth Month 1696.

A brief Account of some Sensible Words spoken by ELIZABETH WILLS, *aged about 12 Years, when she lay upon her dying Bed.*

ELizabeth *Wills*, Daughter of *Daniel* and *Mary Wills*, of *Northampton* River in *West-Jersey* in *America*, was on the second of the Eighth Month 1687, visited with an *Ague* and *Fever*, which continuing some Days hard upon her, she often called upon the Lord, saying, *The Lord help me, the Lord ease me*; patiently begging of God for Help in her great Exercise, and her Cries were felt to proceed from the Stirrings of Life. About the tenth Hour of the sixth Day of her Sickness, her Extremity

mity being great, ſhe deſired to be removed to her Mother (who at that Time was very ill in another Chamber) and her Mother underſtanding it, ſhe came to her, which much ſatisfied the Child; and turning to her Mother, ſhe embraced her, and ſaid, *O Mother, I will lie with thee*; and when ſhe had manifeſted her Kindneſs and tender Love to her Mother, for a little Time ſhe lay ſtill, there being her Father and Siſter in the Room, ſhe raiſed up herſelf upright without Help, and ſaid, *Now I am well*; giving living Praiſes and Thankſgiving to God, ſaying, *Lord God of Power and Glory, all Power, Glory and Honour be given to thee for ever*, Amen; *for thou haſt helped me, thou glorious God of Life; thou haſt eaſed my Heart. O thou powerful God of Glory; Praiſes, and Glory, and Honour, be given to thee for ever*, Amen. *O thou God of eternal Glory! what ſhall I ſay unto thee? all Praiſes be given unto thy Name, thou glorious God of Life, thou haſt helped my Soul; Praiſes for ever, be given unto thee for ever, and for ever.*

ever. Amen. Often saying on this wise, *What I speak, God gives me to speak*; and then speaking much more to the same Effect, all tending to the Praise and Glory of God, and to the extolling of his great and wonderful Name; often saying, *God is good, God hath touched my Heart.* Thus she remained praising and giving Thanks to God, for the Space of an Hour, and it grew towards Midnight. Then she desired her two Brothers, and her younger Sister should be called, who were in their Beds, and when they came, she looked upon them, but still remained praising and glorifying God, often saying, *Now I am well, I feel no Pain, I am willing to live, I am willing to die, I am willing to leave the World, or I am willing to stay in the World*; often saying, *I am content to live or to die*; which Expressions greatly tendered the Hearts of all present. And again spake much, praising and magnifying the great Name of God, to the same Effect as before; several Times she spake on this manner, saying, *When I speak, God*

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gives me to ſpeak; alſo ſaying, *I did not know God would have given me ſo much to ſpeak, for I was never ſenſible of theſe Things before.* Then ſhe took her Father by the Hand, and kiſſed him, ſaying, *Farewel, my dear Father*; and then took her Mother by the Hand and kiſſed her, ſaying, *Farewel, my dear Mother*; and then her Brothers, taking each of them by the Hand, and kiſſed them, ſaying, *Farewel, my dear Brothers*; and laſtly, took her Siſters by the Hand, and kiſſed them, ſaying, *Farewel, my dear Siſters*: Her Father hearing her uſe that Expreſſion to every one of them, he called her by her Name, ſaying, where is that *Farewel* thou ſpeakeſt of? ſhe looked upon her Father, and readily anſwered, ſaying, *it is in my Heart.*

Her ſpeech was ſo affecting, that it exceedingly tendered the Hearts, and cauſed Tears to run much from the Eyes of all preſent; which ſhe beholding, as one without all Senſe of Sorrow, looked upon her Father, ſaying, *Father, thou art troubled*; he anſwered, no, it

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was not troubled, but glad; saying, it was more to him to behold her in that Condition, than Life, or Length of Days. Then she said, *I am well pleased.* She beholding her Mother weeping, said, *My Mother is troubled*: her Mother answered, saying, she was not troubled, but desired her to be content in the Will of God; then she said, *I am content.* And caused her Brothers and Sisters to speak their Minds one by one, of their Satisfaction concerning her Condition, which was done by them. She hearing their Sayings, was well satisfied; she often said, as she was parting with them, *God had eased me of my Pain.* And after a little Time she talked familiarly with them, as one that ailed nothing; and in her Discourse, spake in this manner, saying, *James Martin* (who was a Minister of the Gospel) *is a good Man, I would I could see him, but he is gone to* England, *I shall see him no more; and* John *is a good Man*; her Father standing by, asked her what *John*? and she said, *that* John *who had a Meeting in*

the Barn, (which was *John Payton*) likewise she said, *I shall see him no more*; she also said, *Thomas Olive is a good Man, and I shall see him To-morrow*; (which accordingly she did) *when* James Martin *went away*, (she said) *I am sure I cried*; (which was a certain Manifestation of a secret Sense the Lord was working in her, for she let none know of it) and said again, *would I could see him.* Her Father desired her to be satisfied, saying, God has given thee a Share of that same Life which *James* hath; so she mentioned him no more, but something further of the Goodness of God to her, and spake of one *Sarah Kem*, saying, *She was a good Child, she died well.* So she lay still, and after a little Time her Sense of Pain came again, and then she called upon the Lord, saying, *The Lord help me, the Lord ease me*; and as it encreased, the more earnestly she called upon the Lord, saying, *O Lord! how shall I ascend to thee, that thou mayst hear me?* And in Time the Lord gave her some Ease, and she took some Rest; and the ninth Day,

Day, being the Fifth-day of the Week, Friends coming to the Meeting, ſeveral came to ſee her before the Meeeting, unto whom ſhe put forth her Hand, and tenderly aſked ſeveral of them how they did, but after Meeting ſhe ſeemed to be ſomewhat more weakned, and not ſo quick of Memory, but took her Leave of ſeveral Friends, as they came to her.

That Day ſhe ſeveral Times enquired for a Servant Boy, which ſhe knew to be negligent, and often would lie out all Night, and at the ſame Time was gone, and that Night late he came again; ſhe deſired to ſpeak with him, ſo ſoon as ſhe heard he was come; when he came to her, ſhe turned herſelf, and ſtedfaſtly looked upon him, as one renewed with Senſe and Strength, ſaying, *God gave me much to ſpeak laſt Night, and thou waſt not here*, and ſaid to him, *it was better for thee that thou wouldſt walk with God*; and further ſaid to him, *thou muſt dye as well as I; thou muſt go to the Grave as well as I, and if thou doſt not do better*

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thou shalt have Torment, and I shall have Peace; it would be better for thee that thou wouldst walk with God, but Time is past and gone, and cannot be recalled; saying to him, *Is it not better for thee to do well than ill?* Her Father standing by, asked her what she would have him to do then, if Time were past? she answered, *She would have him do well, but she believed he would not*; she then said, *he might go away*; and some Time after called to him again, saying, *She would not have him forget what she had said to him.*

And on the 11th of the Eighth Month, 1687, she departed this Life, having laid down her Head in Peace and Rest with the Lord.

RIchard Pike, late of *Cork* in *Ireland*, was born at *Newbury* in *England*, in or about the Year 1627, and came for *Ireland*, belonging to the Horse in the Army, which were sent from *England*, for the Reduction of that Nation, upon the Rebellion of the Natives.

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While he was in the Army, he had the Character of a very ſober conſcientious Man, but of great Courage, for which he was much eſteemed by his ſuperior Officers. In thoſe Days he was accounted religiouſly inclined, and one who ſought the Lord, and the Lord was pleaſed to be found of him, and revealed his Truth unto him; for in or about the Year 1655, the Lord ſent ſome of his faithful Miniſters (called *Quakers*) unto that Nation, to preach the everlaſting Goſpel, by whom he was convinced of the Way of Life and Salvation, unto which he became truly obedient, and ſoon denied the Uſe of carnal Weapons for the Deſtruction of Mankind; and in other Things taking up the Croſs of Chriſt, deſpiſing the Shame, and for Truth's Sake became a great Sufferer, by patiently enduring Reproaches, Abuſes and Impriſonments, as well as Loſs of outward Subſtance. And as he was a faithful Follower of the Lord Jeſus, ſo he was greatly beloved by all faithful Friends who knew him; and his Deportment, Converſation and Com-

merce among the World, was ſuch as adorned the bleſſed Truth, being a very upright and juſt, as well as a very inoffenſive Man; inſomuch, as his greateſt Perſecutors have been heard to ſay, if there were any good or honeſt Men among the *Quakers*, he was one. In the Year 1668, he was with ſeveral Friends more caſt into Priſon by one *Rye*, then Mayor of *Cork*, for meeting together to worſhip God; in which Place he got a violent Cold, which ended in a Flux, that brought him very low, the Priſon being throng'd, and without Convenience at that Time for the Sick. The Jaylor indulged him for a little Time to be a Priſoner in his own Houſe; after his coming Home, the Diſtemper increaſing upon him, brought him exceeding weak and low, though in much Pain with the Gripes, yet very patient under it, and much retired to the Lord, and in a ſweet Frame of Spirit. The Fifth-day before he died, came that worthy Mother in Iſrael, *Suſannah Mitchel*, to viſit him; who ſitting in ſilent waiting upon the

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Lord by his Bed-side, was moved to pray, which she did with great Fervency of Spirit; at which Time also the Power of the Lord fell upon him in a wonderful manner, greatly melting and tendering his Spirit, causing him to give forth several sweet and heavenly Expressions; and though he was exceeding weak in Body, and neither able nor fit to rise out of Bed before, yet the Presence and Power of the Lord so strengthened him, that he immediately rose out of his Bed (as one that ailed little) and put on his Clothes, in order to go to the Prison, to see and meet his dear Companions, and Fellow-sufferers. His Wife and Friends present, seeing this great and suddain Alteration, were in great Hopes the Lord would restore him to his Health again; so he went abroad to Prison, as one that was not sick, and had a good Meeting with Friends there; the Jaylor gave him Leave in the Evening to return Home again, which he did, with little Appearance of Illness; but soon after his Return (as one that was only raised

from his Death-bed, to give his laſt Viſit to his beloved Friends) his Diſtemper returned again, and he grew exceeding ill that Night, and ſo continued growing worſe, till about the Third-day in the Evening, at which Time he was ſo bad, that it was concluded he was dying; and in his weak Condition, the Power of the Lord came upon him again in an extraordinary Manner, ſo that he was revived, and as one that had new Life and Strength given him, and he ſpake of the wonderful Love of God to his Soul, and the Preciouſneſs of Truth, with ſeaſonable Exhortation to all that were about him. Thus he continued with the Lord's Power upon him, until the Fifth-day, whereon he died, having a Spirit of Diſcerning given him from the Lord, by which he ſaw, and ſpake directly to the inward States and Conditions of moſt or all that came to viſit him, giving Counſel and Advice accordingly, and in particular to ſome who had been unfaithful; he ſpake ſo home to their States, that they were almoſt amazed,

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warning them to prize their Time, and be more faithful for the Time to come. He alſo called thoſe of his Children that were come to ſome Years of Underſtanding, in particular, *Joſeph*, *Elizabeth*, and *Ebenezer Pike*, and gave them heavenly Advice and Counſel; and among the reſt, he ſpake to them to this Purpoſe: *Fear the Lord, and be faithful to him, and be obedient to your Mother, and then the Lord will be a Father unto you, and provide for and bleſs you, and the reſt of you every Day, and let the Bleſſing of your dying Father reſt upon you*; with more that cannot now be remembred. It would require a Volume to contain the many bleſſed and heavenly Sayings and Exhortations (if they could be remembred) which came from him in the Time of his Sickneſs, eſpecially the two laſt Days of his Life, ſome of which were taken from his Mouth, and committed to Writing by a Friend preſent, and was read at his Burial; which Paper is, through ſome Neglect, miſlaid or loſt.

So he quietly departed this Life, and died in the Lord, the Fourth Month 1668, being about forty one Years of Age.

THomas Thompson, of *Skipsea*, was convinced of the Truth of God, by that ancient and faithful Minister of the Gospel of Christ *William Dewsbury*, in the Eighth Month of the Year 1652, and shortly after had his Mouth opened to declare the Name of the Lord, and preach Repentance to the People, and was preserved in Faithfulness to the Truth to the End of his Days, not turning his Back from Sufferings, but patiently endured Reproach for Christ's Sake, spoiling of Goods, with many Years Imprisonment; and when it pleased the Lord to visit him with the Illness whereof he died, which began on the 26th Day of the Sixth Month 1704, his Heart was filled with the Love of God, and he was enabled through the Goodness of God (though very

very weak in Body) to go to several Meetings, in which the Lord's heavenly Power did livingly attend him: On the sixth Day of the Seventh Month, he was at the Monthly-meeting, which was held at *Harpham*, being the last publick Meeting he was at, where he bore a plain and powerful Testimony to the antient Truth, labouring to encourage all Friends to be faithful to God, and to be diligent in the Service of Truth, according to their several Abilities, Gifts, and Endowments, that so an Increase of the peaceable Government of Christ might be witnessed, both in the Particular, and also in the General. He was indeed a laborious Man in the Work of the Gospel, having travelled in Truth's Service several Times thro' *Scotland*, and in many Places in this Nation; and (as he said, when upon a dying Bed) *for many Years had not slipt any Opportunity of being serviceable*. His Testimony was plain, but powerful, sound and convincing, and severe against Wickedness; but to the young and tender-hearted he was very loving and

affectionate, even as a Nurſe that cheriſheth her Children. On the tenth Day of the Month, in the Year aboveſaid, being the Firſt-day of the Week, ſeveral Friends viſited him in his Chamber, (he being then very weak) to whom he declared of *the Loving-kindneſs of God, and of his tender Dealings with his Soul, from his Youth to that Day; and that he felt the Lord, who had been the Guide of his Youth, to be the Staff of his old Age, and exhorted Friends to Faithfulneſs and Confidence in God, that they ſhould depend upon the Arm of his Power and Providence for ever.*

On the 13th Day of the Month, ſeveral Friends being with him, he ſaid, that *He was content to live or die, as the Lord pleaſed, in whom he had Peace*; and that *he was in no Doubt concerning his Salvation, but was ſatisfied for ever, and could ſay with* Job, *the Lord had granted him Life and Favour, and his Viſitations ſtill preſerved his Spirit*: The next Day being the 14th, and the Day of his Departure out of

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this World, he ſpake little in the Forenoon, being under much Bodily Weakneſs and Pain at Times; but about the ſecond or third Hour in the Afternoon, in a heavenly melting manner, he ſaid, *The Lord is my Portion, and the Lot of mine Inheritance for ever, I am not diſmayed*; and after a little Time ſaid, *I have Peace with God*; and after a conſiderable Pauſe ſaid, *ſince the Day that the Word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying, As thou art converted, ſtrengthen thy Brethren; and if thou loveſt me, feed my Lambs; I have ſpared no Pains, neither in Body nor Spirit, neither am I conſcious to my ſelf of ſlipping any Opportunity of being ſerviceable to Truth and Friends; but have gone through what was before me with all Willingneſs poſſible; and now I feel the Love of God, and the Returns of Peace into my Boſom*; which Words were ſpoken in ſo living a Senſe of God's heavenly Power, that it wonderfully broke and tendered Friends preſent. Another Time he ſaid, *The Lord Jeſus Chriſt has ſhed his precious Blood*

for us, and laid down his Life, and became Sin for us, that we might be made the Righteous of God in him. O this is Love indeed. Again he ſaid, *My Heart is filled with the Love of God. Oh the Excellency! Oh the Glory! Oh how glorious and excellent is the Appearance of God! The Rays of his Glory fills his Tabernacle:* And ſo he ſung melodiouſly, ſaying, *O Praiſes, Praiſes, high Praiſes, and Hallalujah to the King of Sion, who reigns gloriouſly this Day.* All which being ſpoken in a heavenly Senſe of the Aboundings of the ſweet Life of the divine and living Word, which was with the Father in the Beginning, mightily overcame and melted the Spirits of Friends. To a Neighbour that came in to ſee him, he ſaid, *We muſt put off theſe mortal Bodies; but to them that fear the Lord, there is an immortal one prepared.* He continued very chearful and ſenſible to the very laſt, and ſpake very cheerfully to ſeveral Neighbours that came to ſee him. About three quarters of an Hour before his Death, he ſpake to one that had

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been under a Convincement ſeveral Years, but had not been faithful, exhorting him to *Repent and be faithful to what God had manifeſted to him, that ſo he might find Mercy*; with many more Words which are not remembred, telling him, that *He would find it a terrible Thing to appear before an angry God*; and ſaid that *he ſpake to him in Love, and would have him take it ſo*; and bid him *remember the Words of a dying Man*, and ſo bid him *Farewel*. Another Time he ſaid to Friends, *Ye are my Witneſſes, that I have not withheld from you the Counſel and Mind of God, and have laboured to provoke you to Faithfulneſs and Diligence in his Service, that ſo a Crown of Glory ye might receive at the Hand of the Lord, which is laid up in ſtore for all the Righteous, and my Conſcience is clear in God's Sight*; and being filled with the living Power, and Love of God, he often praiſed his holy and glorious Name; and about the ſeventh Hour he paſſed away like a Lamb, into his Father's Boſom, without ſo much as either Sigh

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or Groan, and is at reſt in the Lord for evermore.

He departed this Life in the 73d Year of his Age, the 14th of the Seventh Month 1704. A Labourer in the Goſpel about fifty Years.

The TESTIMONY *of* HUGH STAMPER, *of* Lurgan *in* Ireland, *near his Departure out of this Life.*

ABout twenty Friends being preſent, he ſaid, "I die in the ſame Faith "that I have made Profeſſion of, and "lived in, and ſuffered for theſe twenty "three Years, and I am as willing to "die as to live; all the Deſire I have "to live, is to ſee Truth proſper, and "if Sufferings come, I am willing to "ſuffer for it. There is no Weight "or Burden lies at my Door. I have "wronged no Man, neither have I "been burthenſome to any, but always "if there was any Difference, I ſuffered

"Wrong

" Wrong for Peace-ſake; I have not
" oppreſſed any Man. So *my dear*
" *Friends*, beware of Oppreſſion, walk
" in Love one to another, paſſing by
" Infirmities, forgiving one another,
" for even as Chriſt ſaid, if ye forgive
" not one another, how ſhall your
" heavenly Father forgive you? Even
" as he who would not forgive his
" Brother, miſs'd of Pardon. Keep
" your Hearts clean, and let no Rot-
" tenneſs remain therein. Keep the
" Heart void of Offence towards God
" and Man, and when any Evil doth
" appear, judge it down with the
" Light, and be not peeviſh, nor fret-
" ting, it hindereth the Springs of
" Life. Walk humbly before your
" God, and be of a pure Mind to
" him; walk in true Love one to-
" wards another, and ſtand not at a
" Diſtance one from another, for Envy
" and Strife leads from God, and eats
" as a Canker, ſo miſſes of the Bleſ-
" ſing which is poured down upon the
" Righteous, as Showers of latter Rain.
" Bleſſed be the Lord God for ever.

" Bear

" Bear up your Heads, and give not
" away your Crowns for any visible
" Thing here below, for they are but
" Trifles, and Things of no Value.
" *Dear Friends*, keep your Crowns
" sure, and then you need not care
" what Scoffers, Mockers, Liars, Back-
" biters and Drunkards say, for their
" Way leads to Hell, and they cannot
" inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

" *Dear Friends*, in the Suffering of
" all Things, you shall come to wear
" the Crown; *no Cross, no Crown*;
" take Notice of that: *Friends*, keep
" your Crown, that your Bow may
" abide in full Strength in the needful
" Time, when Pains of Death come
" upon you, which will come upon all
" in due Time. Death troubles me
" not, for blessed be the Lord for
" ever, the Enemy durst never so
" much as once set up his Head, either
" to twist or twine, since I lay on
" this my Bed of Sickness, there is
" nothing but Peace on every Side.

" *My dear Friends*, I desire you in
" the Bowels of tender Love, to love

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" one another, and you will be a
" comely People, and an Honour to
" God, and one to another; bear the
" daily Croſs, that you may be crown-
" ed, when Time ſhall be no more, and
" come to partake of the Mercies of
" *David*, viz. *an everlaſting Covenant*
" *which hath no End.* If the Righteous
" ſcarcely be ſaved, where ſhall the
" Wicked and Ungodly appear? Oh!
" the Joy and endleſs Felicity that
" ſhall be upon the Righteous, and
" what Horror and Miſery ſhall be
" upon the Wicked!

" And, *dear Friends*, let not a bare
" Profeſſion ſerve your Turn, for it
" will not ſtand you in any ſtead in
" ſuch a needful Time as this, but
" walk anſwerably to what you pro-
" feſs, that your Bow may ſtand in
" full Strength, as mine doth at this
" Time; for bleſſed be the Name of
" the Lord for ever, I have no more
" lying upon me that I know of, to
" hinder my Journey, than a Child.
" So my *dear Friends*, I do not will and
" run in your own Wills, but wait
won " " daily

" daily upon the Lord, and let your
" whole Dependance be upon him, that
" you may come in at the right Door,
" for whoſoever climbeth up another
" Way, is a Thief and a Robber, ſo
" caſt your Care upon the Lord, and
" he will in no wiſe caſt you off, but
" he will work in you, and for you,
" and you will become the Children
" of the Day, and of the Light. I do
" not ſpeak theſe Things to exalt my
" ſelf, for there is no exalting in the
" Grave, but I muſt bear up my Teſ-
" timony for God, and for his Truth.
" *Friends*, you know theſe Things be-
" fore, this is to ſtir up your Minds to
" ſtand ſtedfaſt in the Truth, and let
" not your Crown be taken from you.
" Be faithful in the Day of ſmall
" Things, and deſpiſe them not, and
" the Lord will make you Rulers over
" much, ſo ſhall you be honourable
" Men and Women, and he will ſhower
" down Multitudes of Bleſſings upon
" your Heads.

" O *Friends*, I deſire you again not
" to ſlight this glorious Day, which is

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" now dawned, for it can be called
" no leſs than Salvation upon Earth ;
" but walk faithful to the receiving of
" your Crown, and you will return
" with Sheafs in your Boſoms."

Thus often exhorting Friends to *Faithfulneſs*, and to *be of an honeſt Heart*, and to *keep nothing there but that which is of a right Nature* ; ſaying, *take Notice of my Words, for they are the Words of a dying Man, and they are very weighty ; and if you will not hear, you ſhall be made to remember hereafter when I am gone.*

And when the Time of his Departure came near, he ſaid, *Come, Lord Jeſus, come when it is thy bleſſed Will, for I am ready for thee.*

And juſt before he died, he ſat up in his Bed, and ſpake theſe Words ; *now Lord Jeſus receive my Soul into thy everlaſting Kingdom of Glory, for thy Kingdom is from everlaſting to everlaſting* ; and ſo departed this Life about the ninth of the Seventh Month 1676. Aged about 65 Years.

Reuben

Reuben Satterthwaite, born at *Skinerhow*, in the Parish of *Hawkshead*, in the County of *Lancaster*; he came of believing Parents, who used a godly Care in the educating him in the Way of Truth, as professed by the People called *Quakers*. This young Man had a Care over his own Words and Actions, that they might become Truth, and he received a Gift in the Ministry, about the 23d Year of his Age, wherein he did much improve himself until the 26th Year of his Age, wherein he died; in which Time he faithfully laboured in the Gospel; he travelled into *Scotland* in Company with his Friend *George Knipe*, who was as a nursing Father to him, and they visited every Meeting of Friends in that Nation; and being clear of that Nation, he came back through *Northumberland* Bishoprick, and the East Parts of *Yorkshire*, and so Home: And in the Second Month of the Year 1694, he with his

his ſaid Friend ſet forward for *London*, and was at the Yearly-meeting there, and after viſited Friends in the Weſt of *England*, even to the Land's End in *Cornwall*, and ſo back by *Briſtol*; in which Journey he had very good Succeſs, and was much enlarged in his Gift of Miniſtry, and from *Briſtol* travelled through *Wales* to *Lancaſhire* Home again; after he travelled into *Derbyſhire*, *Nottingham* and *Lincolnſhire*; and in the Third Month 1696, he travelled again into *Scotland*, with his former Friend *George Knipe*, and returned thence through *Cumberland*, which was the laſt Journey that he had, for he was removed out of this troubleſome World the ſame Year. He was a good Example and Pattern in Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, and was valiant for the Truth upon Earth, and was of a ſound Mind, and preached ſound Doctrine, and often opened the Holy Scriptures, to the Edification of the Hearers. When he was viſited with Sickneſs, which he bore patiently, and in the firſt Part, he got up and walked about the Houſe,

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but feeling himſelf weak in Body, he ſaid, *I am a poor Mortal, a Worm, and Duſt and Aſhes*; and though his Body was weakened and decayed, yet he was ſtrengthened inwardly, and often ſpake of the kind Dealings of the Lord with him, and how mercifully he had helped him in his Travels: His Sickneſs increaſing, he kept his Bed, and many came to viſit him; to whoſe Conditions he ſpake, to the Admiration of thoſe about him. Not long before he died, his Siſter-in-Law and another Friend being preſent, he ſaid, *Oh! Lord thou knoweſt I have paſſed through many Exerciſes for thy Name's Sake, and thou haſt rewarded me well for the ſame, for which I praiſe thy Holy Name*; and he ſaid, *The Lord God is my Staff, as he was to* David, *who ſaid, his Staff did comfort him.* Some young Friends viſiting him, he ſaid, *I deſire you to wait upon the Lord all your Days, for the Promiſe of the Lord is to you, if you will wait upon him, and love him to the End*; with more Expreſſions that could not be remembred: So he paſſed

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that Night in a very good Frame of Spirit, breathing to the Lord; on the Morrow, being the Firſt-day of the Week, and ſeveral young People came in, to whoſe Conditions he ſpake diſtinctly, exhorting them to *Remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth*; though he was very weak in Body, and his Words did ſo affect them, that they were tendered and broken into Tears, and divers Friends preſent were much comforted thereby; and that Night *Margaret* his Siſter, and another Friend ſitting up with him, he taking his Siſter by the Hand, ſaid, *Dear Siſter, tell my Father and Mother that I muſt go, I muſt go Home.* After ſome Sight which he had, which brought ſome Exerciſe upon him, he brake forth into an inward Rejoicing of Spirit, and after that he expreſs'd the Travail that was upon his Mind for ſome Friends and Meetings, in Parts which he had viſited, and prayed to the Lord to be gracious and merciful to them, and ſpoke many more ſeaſonable Words that are not here mentioned. And that ſame Night

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he departed this Life, being the 12th of the Eleventh Month 1696.

Joſhua Bunion, who lived near *Ipſwich* in *Suffolk* in *England*, went over to preach the Goſpel in *Ireland* in the Year 1696; he was remarkable for his extraordinary Innocency in his Converſation, chiefly minding the Diſcharge of his Duty, with reſpect to the Diſcharge of his Miniſtry, which was edifying; he was taken ſick going from *Dublin* to the North of *Ireland*, and coming to *Bellybagan* in the County of *Armagh*, was ſo weak he could ſcarcely alight off his Horſe without Help, yet his Zeal was ſuch, that he bore a faithful Teſtimony for Truth in the publick Meeting the ſame Day; afterwards he went to Bed, continuing very ill about two Weeks; in the Time of his Sickneſs he was very fervent in Prayer, and the Day before he died, ſitting in a Chair, deſiring another to be ſet before him, on which he leaned,

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and prayed fervently and powerfully to the Lord. And the next Day departed this Life, the 23d of the Fourth Month 1696. Aged about 40 Years. He was buried in Friends Burying-place near *Ballybagan* aforesaid.

PEter *Fletcher* was born near *Parfey* in *Cumberland* in *England*, and educated in the Profeſſion of Truth. He came over to be an Apprentice in *Dublin*; after he had ſerved his Apprenticeſhip, he ſettled in the ſaid City; he was of a good Converſation, both in reſpect to his *Chriſtian* Duty towards God, in duly attending Meetings for the Worſhip of God, and other religious Performances, and ready and cheerful in doing thoſe Offices of Love which we owe one unto another. About three Years before his Death, the Lord was pleaſed to call him into the Miniſtry, in which he was ſound and deliberate in his Delivery, being careful to miniſter from that Ability which God had

had given him. He was under Weakneſs of Body ſome Months before his Death, in which Time he ſpake of the Lord's Dealings with him, and how he *inclined his Heart to ſeek him when he was young, and had preſerved him all along to that Day, in a Senſe of his Goodneſs and Power which had preſerved him, ſo that he was freely given up to the Lord's Diſpoſing, and rather willing to leave the World than ſtay any longer therein, if it were the Lord's Will*; and further ſaid, *he found nothing but ſweet Peace to abound in his Heart from the Lord*: And ſo being prepared for his latter End, he departed this Life in *Dublin*, the 29th of the Fourth Month 1698. Aged about 30 Years.

Abraham Fuller was convinced of the Truth in or about the Year 1660, being about the 41ſt Year of his Age; he lived moſt of his Time after his Convincement at *Lybenſa* in *King's County*, he feared the Lord, and was a ſerviceable

ſerviceable Man on ſeveral Accounts in the Church of Chriſt, and bore a Teſtimony for the Truth, and was a free and open-hearted Man to his Friends, diſtributing of his Subſtance unto thoſe that were in Neceſſity: He was taken Sick about the Beginning of the Eighth Month 1694, of an *Ague* and *Collick*.

In the Time of his Sickneſs he expreſs'd his Concern for the Proſperity of Truth, and ſent to ſpeak with ſome that made Profeſſion of it, and did not walk anſwerable thereto, and did admoniſh them to repent, and amend their Lives. He was often in his Illneſs in Supplication to the Lord, and in returning Praiſes to him, for his Mercies which he had received from him; about the fourth Day of the Ninth Month, moſt of his Children being about him, and ſitting a while in Silence, he then prayed the Lord that he would *bleſs his Children, and preſerve them from the Evils that were in the World.* One Day having a pretty ſharp Fit of the *Ague* upon him, his Daughter-in-Law that tended him, ſaid, Father,

the Fit thou hadſt Yeſterday, went away eaſily; he replied, *Yea, the Lord's Power took the Pain away*; he gave his Children good Counſel and Admonition, according as he had a Senſe of their States. He often in the Time of his Illneſs expreſs'd how good the Lord was to him; ſix Days before his Death, being gone to his Bed at Night, he deſired to ſpeak with his Children that were in the Houſe, there being two of his Sons, and his Son's Wife; and after they had ſat a little Time ſilent by his Bed-ſide, he ſaid, *He had a Deſire to let them know, that if the Lord had no further Service for him to do, he was willing to die*; and then ſpake to one of his Sons, giving him good Advice; and then called to his other Son by Name, and ſaid, *The Lord make thee a ſanctified Veſſel fit for his Uſe.* His eldeſt Son, who living near a Mile off, being newly recovered out of a Fit of Sickneſs, came to ſee his Father, and when he was about to take Leave of him, which was but about two Hours before his Death, he ſpake to him, admoniſhing

monishing him to *take Care of his Soul, for it was of a great Value*; he desired several Times in his Sickness, that *if it were the Lord's Will, that he might be sensible at his Departure, and have an easy Passage*; and his Desire was answered, for in less than a Quarter of an Hour before his Death, he laid his Hand on the Bed-side, and turned himself, and desired to be a little raised in his Bed; and so departed quietly, and finished his Course about the twelfth Hour at Night, on the 4th of the Tenth Month, at his Son *Isaac*'s House at *Lismina*, and was buried at Friends Burial-place at the *Moat a Green*.

Of ROBERT BARCLAY, *of* Urie *in* Scotland.

THIS worthy Man of God, whose Character is written (as well for their Example and Encouragement that have or hereafter may receive the eternal Truth, in which he lived and died,

and lives for ever) as for a Teſtimony to the Power and Goodneſs of God, in raiſing him up to his Church, and to his laſting Memorial in the Churches of Chriſt, which is bleſſed for ever. The ſaid *Robert Barclay*, was the Son of Collonel *David Barclay*, deſcended of the *Barclays* of *Mathers*, in the Kingdom of *Scotland*, an antient and honourable Family among Men, and of *Katherine Gordon*, from the *Gordons* of the Houſe of the Duke of *Gordon*. He was born at *Edinburgh* in 1648, educated in *France*, had the Advantage of that Tongue, as well as the *Latin*; he returned to *Scotland* about 1664, being ſixteen Years of Age, where by the Example and Inſtruction of his honeſt and worthy Father, that in his Abſence had received the everlaſting Truth, and his Converſation was with other Servants of God, he came to ſee and taſte an Excellency in it, and was convinced thereof about the Year 1667, and publickly owned the Teſtimony of the true Light, enlightning every Man, and came early forth a zealous and fervent

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Witneſs for it, enduring the Croſs, and deſpiſing the Shame that attended his Diſciple-ſhip, and received the Gift of the Miniſtry, is his greateſt Honour, in which he labour'd to bring others to God, and his Labour was not in vain in the Lord. He was much exerciſed in Controverſy, from the many Contradictions that fell upon Truth, and upon him for its Sake, in his own Country chiefly, in which he ever acquitted himſelf with Honour to the Truth, particularly by his *Apology* for the *Chriſtian Divinity* profeſſed by the People called *Quakers*, which contains a Collection of our Principles, our Enemies Objections, and our Anſwers augmented and illuſtrated cloſely and amply, with many Authorities for Confirmation; and he wrote divers other Books which are printed, (and makes a Volume of nigh two Hundred and thirty Sheets) which contain many ſtanding Books of ſound Judgment, and good Service to the Truth and Church of God. He travelled often in *Scotland*, and *England*, and alſo in *Holland* and

Germany, to ſpread the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. He loved the Truth, and the Way of God, as revealed among the People called *Quakers*, above all the World, and was not aſhamed of it before Men, but bold and able in maintaining it, ſound in Judgment, ſtrong in Argument, cheerful in Travels and Sufferings, of a pleaſant Diſpoſition, yet ſolid and plain, and exemplary in his Converſation; he was a learned Man, a good *Chriſtian*, an able Miniſter, a dutiful Son, a loving Huſband, a tender and careful Father, an eaſy Maſter, and a good and kind Neighbour and Friend: Theſe eminent Qualities in one who had employed them ſo ſerviceably, and that had not lived much above Half the Life of a Man, having out-lived his Father but four Years, and died at leaſt thirty Years ſhort of his Age, aggravates the Loſs of him.

His Sickneſs was ſhort: Our Friend *James Dickinſon*, of *Cumberland*, in his Travel into that Nation, viſiting him when on his Death-bed, as he ſate by him,

him, the Lord's Power and Preſence bowing their Hearts together, and *Robert Barclay* was ſweetly melted in the Senſe of God's Love, and with Tears expreſs'd his Love to all faithful Brethren in *England*, who keep their Integrity to the Truth; and added, *Remember my Love to Friends in* Cumberland, *and at* Swarthmore, *and to dear* George, *meaning* George Fox, *and to all the Faithful every where*; and ſaid, *God is good ſtill, and though I am under great Weight of Sickneſs and Weakneſs as to my Body, yet my Peace flows, and this I know, whatever Exerciſes may be permitted to come upon me, it ſhall tend to God's Glory, and my Salvation, and in that I reſt.*

He died at his own Houſe in *Urie* in *Scotland*, the third Day of the Eighth Month 1690, leaving behind him ſeven Children, 4 Sons and 3 Daughters.

He was born 1648
convinced of Truth 1667
wrote his firſt Book for Truth 1670
and his notable Apology, in and about the 27th Year of his Age, 1675

He died in the forty second Year of his Age.

Hannah Turner, Daughter of *Thomas Turner*, of *Coggeshall* in the County of *Essex*, in visiting her Acquaintance was taken sick at *Goussingbeckingham-hall* in the said County, and quickly after taken sick was sensible she should die; her Mother being with her, she desired her to *bear it with Patience, and remember how it was with* Abraham, *and with many others in our Day, in parting with their only Child: Dear Mother, consider, it may be this great Trial may prove to our Sanctification, bear it with Patience*; and for several Days she lay in a composed State, praying to the Lord to forgive her Offences. She was troubled she was so far from her Friends and Neighbours, and would have been glad to have seen them; she express'd her Concern for an Acquaintance of hers, intreating her Mother to say this to her as followeth: *Consider my Death*

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as a Preſident, and remember ſhe muſt come before the Bar of the great God, as well as I, and can no way ſhun it; and how doth ſhe think to ſtand there without great Repentance. Another Time ſhe deſired to have her Love remembred to Friends at *London*, and ordered the Manner of her Burial. Her Father coming off a Journey to ſee her, ſhe ſaid, *Dear Father, how often have I been comforted to conſider how the Lord hath preſerved thee through many Jeopardies of thy Life, both by Sea and Land.* She alſo admoniſhed her Nurſe, *not to go into Jollity and Paſtime, nor be aſhamed of the Croſs of Chriſt; what if People mock thee, be not aſhamed; remember* Solomon's Words, that *Know then for all theſe Things God will bring thee into Judgment*; with many other Exhortations ſhe gave to this Laſs, ſaying, *take Notice of what I ſay*; to which ſhe anſwered, breaking forth into Weeping, *I hope I ſhall.* At other Times ſhe ſpake ſeveral weighty and ſeaſonable Exhortations, which are not taken down, and ſo paſſed away, inwardly

breathing unto the Lord, which was a Comfort to thoſe with her; and died on the 8th Day of the Twelfth Month 1705, in the 19th Year of her Age.

Thomas Upſher was born in the Pariſh of *Lexden*, in the Borough of *Colcheſter*, in the County of *Eſſex*, and was ſprinkled or baptized, as they call it, a few Days after, according to the Manner of the Church of *England*, the 11th of the Sixth Month 1672, but was educated in the *Preſbyterian* Way, and was religiouſly inclined from his Youth, often ſeeking the Lord for the Good of his Soul, and delighted in reading the Holy Scriptures. About the 14th Year of his Age, he left the *Preſbyterians*, and joined himſelf with the People called *General Baptiſts*, and was zealous in that Way, and became a Preacher among them when young, and was well eſteemed by them, until it pleaſed the Lord more effectually to viſit him by the Light of Jeſus Chriſt,

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unto which he turned his Heart, and came to see the Emptiness of his former Professions, and Talk of Religion without the Knowledge of God and Christ by the Revelation of the Spirit.

A few Days after he was convinced of Truth, he writ a Letter, which was sent to the *Baptist* Meeting, to be read on the First-day of the Week, shewing the Cause why he left them; this Letter was dated the 13th of the Ninth Month 1692, so that he was twenty Years of Age when he came among the People called *Quakers*, and was a diligent Attender of the Meetings of that People for the Worship of God, waiting upon him in Silence and Retirement of Mind, for his Teaching and Counsel, until he was pleased to give unto him a Gift in the Ministry, which he received in great Humility, and entred upon his Ministry, in speaking a few Words amongst Friends, in much Fear and Tenderness, to the Comfort and Refreshment of many; and God in tender Mercy did increase his Gift, so that he became an able Minister of the Gospel,

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to the turning of many from Darkneſs unto the Light of Chriſt Jeſus; and in that Service he travelled in moſt Parts of this Nation of *England*, and alſo in *Ireland*.

As he often in the Time of his Health remembred and ſpake of his Death, ſo he did it in his Sickneſs, ſaying, *I don't expect to live long in this World, I have been preparing for a better; I do not deſire to live here on my own Account, I long more and more to be at Home with my God, yet I would not be of that Sort, to deſire my Reward before my Work is done, there is nothing here can invite my Stay, but if God hath further Service for me in this World, I am reſigned and given up to his Will.*

In a Letter to a particular Friend, writ in the Time of his Sickneſs, he expreſs'd himſelf in theſe Words.——

"When I conſider thoſe many un-
"accountable Changes, which we, and
"ours, and all we have in this World
"are ſubject to, it ſeems a ſufficient
"Antidote againſt the inordinate Love
"of it, and it appears to me, that 'tis

"want

" want of due Thoughtfulneſs, which
" makes many ſo much engaged in it,
" as almoſt wholly to ſequeſter all
" thoſe religious Endeavours which are
" really neceſſary to make ſure of an
" eternal Intereſt.

" 'Tis now a long Time ſince I have
" enjoy'd one Day of perfect Health
" as heretofore; I conſider it as a pre-
" paratory Summons from this frail
" State of Life; and to conclude, I
" thank God, I am not altogether un-
" mindful of my Duty, in ſetting my
" Houſe in order againſt the Time
" ſhall come that I muſt die and not
" live; I hope to live in a far better
" State, and there to enjoy all the Ge-
" nerations of the Juſt that are gone
" before, and ſhall hereafter follow."

About the ſame Time, ſeveral Friends being with him, he ſpeaking of his Death, deſired they might bear him Witneſs, ſaying, *My Dependance, Hope and Truſt is only and alone in the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and that I don't value myſelf upon any Qualification or Endowment,*

ment, but lay all down at the Feet of Jesus, and am as nothing before him. About two Days after, though weak in Body, he was carried in a Coach to *Ipswich*, to the Burial of a Friend; and when he came there, he seemed very unfit for the Service of the Day, there being much People at the Burial; but the Lord strengthened him to declare, as at other Times, the Truth and Word of Life for about an Hour and an Half, which much affected the People in general; and Friends, who knew his Weakness of Body, admir'd the Love and Goodness of God to him; he pray'd also, and spake at the Grave some Time, and appeared stronger after the Meeting than before, and continued better a few Days after; but his Sickness returned again, and he was very patient under the extreamest Pains, which he said, no Tongue could express, desiring to be resigned; and the Lord blessed him with Resignation, Faith and Patience under all.

To a Friend that came to visit him, who made some Observation of the Prevalency

Prevalency of his Diſtemper, he ſaid, *Now in all likelihood, I am about to take my laſt Leave of you all, and I pray God from my Heart to bleſs you.* Many ſound Expreſſions were ſpoken to thoſe who viſited him in his Sickneſs; to ſome, Counſel and Advice; to others, his own Experience of the Mercy and Goodneſs of God. Being deſired to ſend for another Phyſician, he anſwered, *No, I am ſatisfied if God had been pleaſed to have ſaid* Amen *to Means, there has been ſufficient Means uſed for my Recovery, and therefore I ſhall have my Eye only to the Lord for Help.* At another Time he ſaid, *My Tongue is not able to expreſs what I feel of the Love and Goodneſs of God now when I have moſt need of it; that Saying uſed by that plain deſpiſed People is very true, that* Life is better than Words. *There is one Thing I cannot find out, why the Lord ſhould ſo abound in his Love and Mercy to me, who am unworthy of the leaſt of his Mercies.* There was great Refreſhment felt many Times in being with him in Silence, in Time of his Sickneſs.

Sickneſs. On a Firſt-day in the Morning, ſeveral Friends being in his Chamber, he deſired that they might wait upon the Lord together; and the Lord was pleaſed to open his Mouth to praiſe his holy Name. Altho' very weak in Bed, ſome Friends deſired him to ſay little to thoſe who came to viſit him; his Anſwer was, *I know not whether I may have another Opportunity to do it.* And he remembred the Faithful, and ſpake of their bleſſed Eſtate; at the Sight of which, he was even as it were in a Rapture of Joy, praiſing the Lord to the Comfort of thoſe preſent, ſaying, *Oh! that I might declare of the Wonders of the Lord that I have ſeen in the Deeps, but I am reſigned to the Will of the Lord.* His Pains and Exerciſes were very great, and, as he often ſaid, unknown, yet he alſo ſaid, *the Lord is very good to me, and bears up my Spirits in the midſt of them all*; and taking Leave of ſeveral Friends who viſited him, he ſaid, *Oh! that you may ſo live, that we may meet again in the Manſions of eternal Reſt.* He remembred his dear

Love

Love to Friends every where, ſaying, *they are near my Life, I have true Unity with them in Spirit.* At another Meeting in his Chamber, about fourteen Days before he died, the State of the Church, and of many precious Truths was opened unto him, and in a heavenly Frame of Spirit he ſpake of the wonderful Wiſdom, Love, and Goodneſs of God, exhorting Friends to be more faithful and diligent in the Service of the Lord.

About ten Days before his Death, finding himſelf, as he thought, ſomewhat better, he went to the Meeting, being the Firſt-day of the Week, and prayed fervently in the Forenoon-meeting, praiſing the Name of the Lord, in a true Senſe of his Mercy and Goodneſs. But in a Day or two he altered much, his Diſtemper prevailing upon him; he deſired to be carried decently to his Grave, ſaying, *I love Decency, and deſire to die in great Humiliation, and commit my Spirit into the Hands of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt.* And about the Time of his Death, he was in a heavenly

heavenly Frame of Spirit, and ſpake of a glorious Meeting, and ſaid, *The Lord in the Riches of his Mercy will keep all them that truſt in him, under all their Trials to the End.* And ſo departed this Life the 10th of the Eighth Month 1704. Aged 32 Years two Months. He left behind him three Children, and his Wife big with Child, who in the Time of his Sickneſs was much indiſpos'd, which was an Addition to his Exerciſe.

Of a young Maid of about fourteen Years of Age.

PRiſcilla Cuthbert, born at *Brentford* in *Middleſex*, in 1697, Daughter of *Thomas* and *Iſabella Cuthbert*, of the ſame Place; ſome Months before her Sickneſs, ſhe was obſerved to have a religious Concern upon her Mind, and did retire from the reſt of the Children, and denied herſelf Diverſions among them,

them, and got into ſolitary Places, and read in good Books, and ſometimes weeping by herſelf, and other Times praiſing the Lord; and ſhe had a Sight of her Death before ſhe ſickned, and ſpake of it to ſeveral; when her Sickneſs came, which continued three Weeks, ſhe bore it with much Patience, praying to the Lord to be her Comfort, and ſaid, *I hope the Lord will comfort my dear Father and Mother*; acknowledging the Labour, and tender Care and Coſt which her Parents had been at for her bringing up, and Education of herſelf, and Siſters and Brothers; and when her Father came to her, upon her Enquiry after him, ſhe laid her Arms about his Face to wipe off the Tears, and ſaid, *Lord comfort my Father and Mother, and bleſs my poor Siſters, and my Brothers*; and gave good Advice to her Brother, to *Obey his Parents, and fear the Lord*, ſaying, *he will bleſs thee*; and ſhe ſaid to her Father, *I am willing to live to praiſe the Lord, and I am willing to die, if it were at this Moment of Time.* And ſhe

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deſired that when ſhe was buried, none that laughed or was vain ſhould be there, but ſuch as feared the Lord; and in a ſweet Frame of Mind praiſed the Lord. Another Time ſhe ſaid, *I have in the Time of my Health been afraid when I have ſeen any Dead nailed up in their Coffins, but now the Lord hath taken away that Fear, bleſſed be his Name, and therefore take you Notice that ſtand by me, that I am neither afraid of Death nor the Grave, but I am willing to die when it pleaſeth the Lord*; and ſoon after fell aſleep. She often prayed for her Parents, to whom ſhe expreſs'd more than ordinary Affection and Regard to their Love and Tenderneſs to her, expreſſing her Willingneſs to die, and her Comfort in the Lord; her School-miſtreſs viſiting her, ſhe ſaid, *I am going where I truſt in the Lord I ſhall have Reſt, for the Lord is my Reſt.* Near her End, her Father ſpeaking of his Purpoſe to ſtay with her that Night, ſhe replied, *No, no, for I ſhall not die this Night, though it will not be long before I do*; and he went to Bed; And

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the next Day her Father coming to her, ſhe having had ſome Reſt in the Night, ſhe praiſed the Lord; a Neighbour preſent ſuppoſed ſhe might, by her praiſing God, diſturb her Father; to which ſhe made no Anſwer, till ſome Time after, ſhe ſaid, *Is my Father diſturbed at my praiſing the Lord? No, no, I know he is not; indeed if I was dying, as ſome have done of late, rending and tearing with bad Words, my Father and Mother too would have great Reaſon to be troubled, but to have a Child die in the Lord, I hope great is their Comfort, and I know their Trouble is mix'd with Joy, bleſſed be the Lord for it*; upon theſe Words ſeveral young Women preſent broke forth into Tears. About two Hours before ſhe died, her Father aſked her, if he and her Mother ſhould turn her, to ſee if ſhe could have a little Reſt, ſhe anſwer'd, *Do what you pleaſe*; a Friend preſent advis'd all to be quiet and ſtill, and in a little Time hearing one weep, ſhe ſaid, *Who is that, my Siſter* Elizabeth? Reply was made, no; ſhe replied, *for the Lord's Sake do not*

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cry for me, do no cry for me; these were the laſt Words ſhe was heard to ſpeak. And ſo departed this Life without Sigh or Groan, about the ninth Hour of the ſixth Day of the Sixth Month 1701, in the fourteenth Year of her Age.

ELizabeth *Whiddon*, Wife of *Henry Whiddon*, of *Cork* in *Ireland*; ſhe was from her Childhood given to Sobriety, beyond what was common in one of her Years, when ſhe was about fourteen Years of Age, and was a Woman of an exemplary Life and Converſation: She was called of the Lord to give Teſtimony to his Name and Truth, though ſhe was backward and unwilling to be concerned in ſo weighty a Work, yet afterwards grew more ſtrong, and did declare of the wonderful Things of God. In the Time of her Sickneſs ſhe did enjoy great Refreſhment from the Preſence of the Lord, which did tender the Hearts of

Friends

Friends preſent, and cauſed her to praiſe and magnify the God of her Salvation, ſome Days before her Death. Her Brother *Joſeph Pike* viſiting her one Morning, enquiring how ſhe did, ſhe ſaid, *Oh! dear Brother, though I have not ſlept all this Night, yet I am as one that wants it not, though my Body is extraordinary weak, yet I am ſtrong, the Power of the Lord carrying me over all Weakneſs; but above all, the Lord ſaid this Night to me, in the powerful and freſh Openings of Life, Thou ſhalt praiſe me in the Heavens; which hath ſo overcome my Soul, and raiſed my Spirits, that I am as one that wants no Sleep, or ſenſible of Pain or Weakneſs*; And ſo went on in praiſing and magnifying the Lord, with many good Expreſſions that cannot well be remembred. About a Day before ſhe died, obſerving her Siſter *Elizabeth Allen* to weep, ſhe looking upon her with a compos'd Countenance, ſaid, *Siſter, why doſt weep?* ſhe anſwer'd, being unwilling to part with her; ſhe replied, *Oh! I ſhall go to everlaſting*

everlaſting Joy and Felicity, where I ſhall be at Reſt.

She departed this Life the 23d Day of the Fifth Month 1693, to receive the Recompence of Reward, even a Crown eternal, of which ſhe had received before-hand a full Aſſurance.

Robert Sandham, born near *Petworth* in *Suſſex*, in *England*, was convinced early of Truth at *Youghall* in *Ireland*, where he then dwelt, and he ſoon became a faithful Follower of it, and Sufferer for it, bearing a ſtedfaſt Teſtimony to it againſt it's Oppoſers; and he was a Preacher of it in his Life and Converſation amongſt the Inhabitants of that Town, until the End of his Days. He lay ſick two Weeks; in which Time he often exhorted Friends that came to viſit him, to *be faithful to the Truth*; and to ſome negligent therein, he ſaid much, in warning them to be *no longer ſo*, but to *haſten out of a luke-warm State, leſt the Portion thereof ſhould*

ſhould be theirs. Some Relations and Neighbours viſiting him, he exhorted them to *receive the Truth*; *for*, ſaid he, *I bear my Teſtimony now on my dying Bed, that it is the Truth which the* Quakers *profeſs, therefore be faithful to the Lord and his Truth, whilſt you have Health and Strength, and delay not till you come to a dying Bed, as too many are apt to do, for then oftentimes Men and Women find it enough to bear their Sickneſs and Pains*; which affected moſt preſent.

To his Wife, with whom he had lived about twenty four Years in much Love, he ſaid, *I am freely given up to the Lord's Will, I therefore deſire thee alſo to give up, and bear my Death with Patience, and the Lord will make up thy Loſs of me in being near unto thee.* He often exhorted his Children *to love the Lord and his Truth, and be obedient to their Mother, and love one another, and all honeſt Friends, and delight to go to Meetings.* One of his Children being of Age to remember what he ſaid, he ſaid to her, *Tell thy two young Siſters when they are grown up, that it is my*

Charge to them ſo to do, for they may not remember what I ſay to them now, and the Lord will be a Father to you, and a Huſband to your Mother. Seeing one of them crying, he ſaid, *Be good Children, love the Lord, and obey your Mother, and though I am taken away, you'll have your Mother left with you, and ſhe will take Care of you*; and quickly after he drew nigh his End, being in a ſweet Frame of Mind, reſigned up to the Lord's Will, often ſpeaking of his Mercies to him, he ſaid, *The Lord hath fully ſatisfied my Deſires*; and took a ſolemn Farewel of his Wife and Children: A Friend being preſent, prayed to the Lord to be near him in that preſent Exerciſe, and make his Paſſage eaſy; after which he took the ſaid Friend by the Hand, and expreſſed his great Peace and Satisfaction, and paſſed away, being ſenſible to the laſt. He died the 28th of the Eighth Month 1675.

Deborah

DEborah Sandham, Wife of *Robert Sandham* aforeſaid, was born near *Youghall* in *Ireland*; ſhe received Truth ſoon after her Huſband, and was a faithful ſerviceable Woman to her End, bearing a true and ſound Teſtimony for God and his Truth, and was very exemplary in Converſation. She ſurvived her Huſband about twenty Years, taking due Care of her Children, which fulfilled their Father's dying Words to them. When it pleaſed the Lord to viſit her with the Sickneſs whereof ſhe died, ſhe perceiving one of the Family to be much concerned at it, ſaid, *Be not concerned, I am freely given up to the Will of the Lord, either to live or die; if the Lord have any further Service for me, he can lengthen my Days, if not, I am freely reſigned to his Will.* She was often in her Sickneſs inward with the Lord, being kept in great Patience and Quietneſs, exhorting Friends, and inviting ſome of her Relations and Neigh-

bours that came to visit her, to *receive the Truth*; also warning some unfaithful ones, *not to let slip the Day of their Visitation*: She also exhorted her Children *to mind her frequent Advice and Counsel to them, and to fear the Lord, and keep out of all that which grieves his righteous Spirit, as* (said she) *your dear and tender Father on his Death-bed exhorted you, even so do: Love the Truth, and one another, and then the Lord will be a Father to you, as truly he hath been a Husband to me; and my Desires have been, and are still, that you may fear and love the Lord, and reverence him, for your Mother doth not die without a Hope, that the Lord that hath begun his good Work in you, will carry it on, and that the Blessing of the Lord will rest upon you, which is more than all visible Things, as my Soul hath been a Witness of, as my Mind hath been kept from coveting after them, having seen, that Godliness is great Gain, and in the Gain of it is great Peace.* One of her Daughters not being with her in the Time of her Sickness, she desired to be helped up,

that ſhe might write a few Lines with her own Hand, as her laſt Words to her, which was as followeth : *I not knowing as yet, whether it be the Will of my heavenly Father to finiſh my Days, I am, through the great Mercy of God, freely given up ; Oh ! this I have in my Heart to ſay to thee, Be faithful, be faithful, and dwell in holy Patience ; and the ſame is to thy Huſband : Oh ! that you may come to holy Silence with Fear and Dread, then will the Work of the Lord proſper, which is more than all Works : Thou haſt many of my Exhortations, which get together, and keep and mind, and the God of Peace ſupport thee, thou not being in a Condition to come to me, ſo Farewel in the Lord.* The Day before her Departure, ſhe was fervent in Prayer to the Lord, *that he would bleſs his People, and enable them to walk faithfully before him, and that his Truth might proſper, and that he would pleaſe to raiſe more faithful Labourers for the gathering many more unto Righteouſneſs* ; alſo *that he would be pleaſed to bleſs her Children, and their Off-ſpring, and make*

them his; with much more which cannot be remembred: Now the Day she died, she said to one of her Daughters, *Thou art my First-born, and always very dear to me, I cannot now say much more unto thee, but mind my former Exhortations, and remember that Truth was more than all, and Truth was ever all with me, and Truth was thy Mother's chiefest Treasure*; often saying, *My dear Child give me up, give me up, intreat the Lord to enable thee to give me up, for I am freely given up to the Lord's Will*; and taking her last Farewel of her Children and Grand-Children, with Friends and the Family, she desired to have her *dear Love remembered to Friends at* Cork, *and elsewhere*; *my Love also* (said she) *extends farther, to all Friends in* England; some Time after turning herself about in her Bed, said, *I am now a going to leave you.* And so she quietly, and in great Peace, departed this Life the 15th Day of the Fifth Month 1695. in *Youghall*, where she dwelt.

Edward

EDward *Parker*, of *Thornbury* in *Glocesterſhire*, was convinced of the bleſſed Truth by *John Audland* and *John Camm*, at their firſt coming into thoſe Parts, which was about the Year 1654. He bore a publick Teſtimony for Truth, and continued faithful to his Death; and on his dying Bed gave very living Teſtimonies to the Truth, to many Friends and others about him. His laſt Words were, *Lord come, thy Servant is ready*: And then departed this Life in the Year 1667, in the 50th Year of his Age.

ELeanor *Cannings*, Wife of *Joſeph Cannings*, of *Thornbury* in *Gloceſterſhire*, was convinced by *John Audland* and *John Camm*, about the Year 1654, when they came into that County. She was a zealous Woman, and often exerciſed in bearing a faithful Teſtimony for the Truth againſt the Prieſts, for which ſhe ſuffered many and great Abuſes from the rude People; ſhe continued a ſincere-hearted Friend to the End of her Days, and on her dying Bed gave many good Exhortations to Friends about her, ſaying a little before her Death, *I am well ſatisfied, and am going to a better Habitation.*

She was buried at *Haſel* the 19th of the Firſt Month, about the 73d Year of her Age.

Henry

HEnry *Pontyn*, of *French-Hay* Meeting, was a faithful Labourer in the Miniſtry of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, as well beyond Sea, as in this Nation of *England*, and endured many Sufferings and Hardſhips, and ſeveral Years Impriſonment at *Gloceſter* for his faithful Teſtimony for God, and continued faithful to his Death. On his dying Bed he ſaid, that *The Lord had done well for me, and the Chaſtizements of the Lord are good*; exhorting his Children and Friends about him, to *live in the Fear of the Lord, that they might die in his Favour*; ſaying, *the End will crown all.*

He died in the 67th Year of his Age.

ISaac *Alexander*, Son of *Thomas* and *Alice Alexander*, of *Bendrig* in *Kilington* in the County of *Westmorland*, was born in the Year 1680, and convinced of the bleſſed Truth in the Year 1694, in the 14th Year of his Age; and in the 17th Year of his Age, he received a Gift of the Miniſtry, and became an able Miniſter of the Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.

In 1698 he travelled abroad in the Work of the Goſpel, and went into *Yorkſhire*, and through the Eaſt Parts of *England*, till he came to *London*; and after his Return Home, he travelled in the ſame Service into *Scotland*, and viſited all the Meetings of Friends in that Nation; and after his Return thence, he went into the Weſtern and Southern Parts of this Nation; and three Years after, he viſited all the Meetings of Friends in *Ireland*, and moſt

moſt of the Meetings in *England* and *Wales*.

In the Eighth Month 1705, he began to be much out of Health, and yet attended Friends Meetings till the Middle of the Tenth Month following; and on the 21ſt of the ſame, ſeveral Friends ſitting by him, he being ſenſible of God's Salvation, ſaid in Admiration thereof to the Lord, *To thee, to thee, be Salvation and Praiſe, this is a Day of great Salvation*; and ſignified *what great Mercy it was that the Lord ſhould viſit us in our young Years, and reveal his bleſſed Truth to us, and how unworthy many were before the Lord did make bare the Arm of his Salvation*; further ſaying, *how has the Lord been to me in the Time of my Sickneſs, altho' I have formerly felt much of his Power and Preſence, yet never enjoyed ſuch plenty thereof, as ſince I have been viſited with this Sickneſs*; inſtancing one Night, wherein he could not ſleep, *he enjoyed more abundantly of the Love of God, than at any other Time before.* He ſaid, *Oh! what an excellent Thing it is to keep in the Truth;*

Truth, and viſit another in the Life of it; and he made a great Difference between thoſe who viſit the Sick in the Senſe of Life, and other Viſiters, who no ſooner meet, but begin to talk of their worldly Affairs. He ſaid, *Friends, get into an inward Acquaintance with the Lord in Spirit, for it is a good Thing to retire to the Rock, there is Safety, there is good Standing, an excellent Bottom, and Room enough*; and further ſaid, *If any go out of the Bounds of Truth, thinking thereby to bring others in, they will find themſelves to be in ſlippery Places*; and ſaid, *beware of joining with falſe unſettled Spirits.* Another Time, two Friends ſitting by him, he felt the Power and Preſence of the Lord, and ſang Praiſes unto him after an heavenly manner, ſaying, *My Heart is full, though I can truly ſay, I have no Deſire to ſpeak, but as I feel it ſpring from the Life.*

On the 28th of the Tenth Month he ſaid, *As I lay on my Bed very weak of Body, I thought I could never die better, for I felt my Salvation ſealed unto me. Oh!* (ſaid he to them preſent) *Love God,*

God, love God, for he is worthy, you may love any Thing elſe too much, but you can never love God too much ; Oh ! what hath he done for my Soul, he hath given to me everlaſting Comfort, it's enough, it's enough indeed. He ſaid moreover, *There is two Things which is to my great Satisfaction,*

1ſt, *That ever ſince the Lord manifeſted himſelf to me, I have freely given up myſelf to his Requirings, and delivered his Word faithfully, and have not ſought to pleaſe Men, neither did I look for great Things ; what I deſired was, that I might have a Place amongſt the Sanctified.*

2dly, *I have always been againſt libertine Spirits, and have had no Familiarity with them ; theſe Things are now my Comfort.*

And he alſo ſaid, *Oh ! I have ſeen glorious Things, yea, ſuch Things as I never ſaw before ; I beheld a Friend lately deceaſed in a glorious Place, and that I was to be with him ; and I ſaid, it's enough to be there, Oh ! ſuch Salvation !* Again, *I am glad I can ſay, O Death, where is thy Sting ; and Grave, where is thy Victory ?*

tory? Another Time, ſome Friends viſiting him, he related to them, *how the Lord had raiſed him from nothing to bear a Teſtimony for him, and whereſoever the Lord drew me, I have followed him, both in this Nation and other Nations, and ſought not the Favour and Intereſt among Men*; and he warned and cautioned the Negligent, to *be diligent and faithful, and come up in the Service of Truth*; and ſaid, *the Lord will cauſe a dreadful Day to overtake the Diſobedient and the Negligent*, ſaying, *it is ſeal'd to my Soul, that it haſtens on apace.*

He often ſaid at Times in great Weakneſs of Body, *I deſire to be diſolved and to be with Chriſt, but the Lord's Will be done*; adding, *the Lord's Preſence is here*; giving Thanks for his divine Help, ſaying, *I never wanted Comfort from him in this Time of Sickneſs: Friends, it's an excellent Thing to have a Conſcience void of Offence towards God, keep your Hearts clean, I have diſcharged my Duty to all People, ſo that I find nothing but that I am fully clear, I am fully clear*; and after a little Time he brake

brake forth in a ſweet Harmony, and lifted up his Voice in Prayer to the Lord, (which had been very low ſeveral Weeks) ſaying, *O Lord God! though my Exerciſes and Pain of Body aboundeth, thy Power and Life doth much more abound, and carries me over all*; fervently begging of the Lord to be with all his faithful Labourers the World over, rendring Thanks for his glorious Appearance, ſaying, *Worthy, worthy, worthy art thou O Lord, of all Honour, Thankſgiving and Praiſe*; and prayed for an eaſy Paſſage out of this World, which the Lord granted him; for about the ſecond Hour the ſame Day in the Afternoon he fell aſleep, and twelve Hours after, he ſaid to a Friend preſent, *Lay my Head better*; which done, he ſaid, *now I will fall upon my Sleep*, and immediately went away as if he had fallen into a natural Sleeep.

He died the 12th of the Twelfth Month 1705, at the Houſe of *James Wilſon*, at *Aba* near *Kendal*; and the 15th of the ſame Month was buried at *Brigflats* near *Sedberg*.

Anne

ANNE *Camm*, late Wife of *Thomas Camm*, of *Camms-Gill*, was Daughter of *Richard Newby*, in the Pariſh of *Kendal* in *Weſtmorland*, a Family of good Repute, being always religiouſly inclined; her ſaid Father was convinced of the bleſſed Truth in 1652, and died therein a faithful Man. *Anne Camm* was born in the Eighth Month 1627, and was well educated in Learning proper for her Sex. About the 13th Year of her Age, ſhe was ſent up by her Parents to an Aunt at *London*, where ſhe became acquainted with a religious People called *Puritans*. Her Stay in *London* was about ſeven Years, from whence ſhe returned to *Kendal*; after ſome Time there, ſhe removed to the City of *York*, and dwelt in a Family of great Account in the World, her Miſtreſs a pious Woman, after whoſe Deceaſe ſhe returned again to *Kendal*, her Society ſtill being with the moſt religious

religious where ſhe came; as at *Kendal* there was a ſeeking People, who met often together, ſometimes ſitting in Silence, other Times in religious Conferences, and often in fervent Prayer: *John Audland* living remote, yet ſometimes fell in amongſt them; and about the Year 1650, *John Audland* and ſhe married, and they were both convinced of Truth in the Beginning of 1652, by the Miniſtry of that honourable Servant of Chriſt, *George Fox*; and ſo powerfully did God, by his ſanctifying Word and Spirit, work upon them, that they were thereby made effectual Inſtruments in his Hand, to preach the Goſpel unto others in the next Year 1653, and ſo forward, until the Lord put a Period to their Days. The firſt Place the ſaid *Anne Audland* was called of the Lord to viſit, except about Home, was the County of *Durham*, about the Beginning of the Year 1654, and ſhe did preach Truth unto the People in the Town of *Aukland*, in the ſaid County, on a Market-day, for which ſhe was impriſoned in the Town Goal,

Goal, where ſhe ſpake to the People through the Window, and ſeveral were affected with her Teſtimony; and towards Evening ſhe was diſcharged; and *John Langſtaff*, who was of great Repute among his Neighbours, own'd her Teſtimony, and went with her into Priſon, and when releas'd brought her to his Houſe; but *John*'s Wife, being no Friend, chid with her Huſband, which made *Anne* very uneaſy to ſtay there: So ſhe walked out in the Fields to ſeek ſome covert Place to take up her Lodging in; but *Anthony Pearſon*, of *Rampſhaw*, a late Juſtice of the Peace, who lived ſome Miles diſtant, having Knowledge by *George Fox*, who was at his Houſe, of *Anne*'s coming to that Town, came with a Horſe and Pillion, and took her home to his Houſe that Night.

After her Service in thoſe Parts was over, ſhe returned Home; and in the Winter following, ſhe, with *Mabel Camm*, Wife of *John Camm*, travelled through *Yorkſhire*, *Derbyſhire*, *Leiceſterſhire*, into *Oxfordſhire*, to the Town of *Banbury*;

Banbury; where *Mabel Camm* had a Concern to go to the Steeple-house, and ſpake to the Prieſt and People, and *Anne* accompanied her; whereupon the People rudely hurried them out of the Houſe, and abuſed them in the Yard: The Prieſt paſſing by, *Anne Audland* ſaid, *Man, behold the Fruits of thy Miniſtry*. Next Day they were ſent for before the Mayor, who had got two Witneſſes to ſwear *Anne* had ſpoken Blaſphemy, for which they committed her to Priſon; *Mabel Camm* was diſmiſs'd, and travelled to *Briſtol*, where ſhe met with her Huſband *John Camm*. After ſome Days, two Men in *Banbury* gave Bond for her Appearance at the next Aſſize, by which ſhe was a kind of Priſoner at large, which gave Opportunity for her to have ſeveral Meetings with the People in the Town; and her two Bondſmen, and ſeveral Hundreds more, came to be convinc'd of Truth, and turned to the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, being the Fruits of that effectual powerful Miniſtry God had called her to bear, ſo that many were added

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to the Church, and a large Meeting of Friends there was in that Town, and ſeveral other Meetings in the Country adjacent were ſettled, for which Cauſe their Adverſaries were angry, and they threatned that ſhe ſhould be burned when the Aſſize came; and when the Aſſize came, *John Audland*, *John Camm* and *Thomas Camm* were there, and ſome Friends from *London* and *Briſtol*; and the Subſtance of the Charge or Indictment drawn up againſt her was, that ſhe had ſaid, *God did not live*, becauſe ſhe had ſaid concerning the Prieſt at *Banbury*, that *True Words may be a Lie in the Mouth of ſome that ſpeak them*; alledging, *Jemiah* v. 2. *And though they ſay the Lord liveth*, (which nothing can be more true) *ſurely they ſwear falſly*. The Judge of the Court was moderate, obſerving her ſober and wiſe Anſwers unto his Queſtions, and her innocent Boldneſs and comely Perſonage, and ſeeing the Uncertainty of the Evidence againſt her, and that the Matter of Fact charg'd, did not amount to what was deſign'd, gave the Matter to the

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Jury thus, *viz. That ſhe acknowledged the Lord her God and Redeemer to live, and that there were Gods of the* Heathen *and of the* Philiſtines *that were dead Gods.* Some upon the Bench perceiving their End would not be anſwer'd, went off to influence the Jury to bring in ſomething againſt the Priſoner, leſt they ſhould come off with Diſcredit; one of the Bench obſerving the Injuſtice in that Matter, ſtep'd off alſo, telling them, he would ſit no longer with them, till more Juſtice was amongſt them, and was convinc'd of Truth: And other Officers in the Court threw away their Staves, and bore Teſtimony againſt their arbitrary Proceedings; ſo the Jury returning into Court, being aſked, if they were agreed? they anſwered, they were; and being aſked, what they found? they made Anſwer, *Only Miſdemeanour*: A Friend preſent told them, it was illegal to indict her for one Fact, and bring her in guilty of another; for they ought to have found her either guilty or not guilty, upon the Matter of Fact charged in the Indictment.

Indictment. So the Judge told *Anne*, if ſhe would give Bond for her good Behaviour, ſhe might have her Liberty, *&c.* ſhe refuſing, they ſent her to Priſon again; But the Judge was heard to ſay, that the Priſoner ſhould have been diſcharg'd, but the Judge had a Mind ſomewhat to pleaſe the angry Juſtices; and her Adverſaries were confounded, and ſlipp'd off the Bench one after another diſorderly, without diſmiſſing the Court, ſo that Truth was that Day exalted, and the Lord's Power magnified in fruſtrating the Deſigns of wicked Men. And the Priſon where *Anne* was ſent to, was a cloſe naſty Place, ſeveral Steps below Ground, on the Side whereof was a ſort of Common-ſhore, that received much of the Mud in the Town, that at Times did ſtink ſorely; beſides Frogs and Toads did crawl in their Room, and no Place for Fire, yet ſhe was in great Content, becauſe is was God's Cauſe. Her fellow Priſoner was *Jane Waugh*, a Labourer in the Goſpel, who came ſome Months before to viſit her, and was committed

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to Priſon with her; but God's Preſence and Peace being with them, made their naſty ſtinking Goal a Palace, where ſhe remain'd ſeven or eight Months, and from her firſt Commitment, about a Year and a Half, and was at laſt diſcharged by the Mayor and Aldermen. And the ſame Day was *Richard Farnſworth* ſet at Liberty, who with other Men Friends were Priſoners in another Room; but *Jane Waugh* ſtill continued a Priſoner. *Anne* had frequent Meetings in *Banbury* before ſhe left it; and alſo went to the Mayor to demand the Liberty of her Friend *Jane Waugh*, who was impriſoned for no other Fact, than for coming many Miles in Love to viſit her in Priſon, and ſhe was ſoon after ſet at Liberty. So being clear of thoſe Parts, ſhe travelled through the Countries to *Briſtol*, where ſhe met with her Huſband *John Audland*; and *John Audland* and *Anne Audland* continued in their Service and Labour in the Miniſtry in ſeveral Parts of this Nation, South, Weſt and Northward, until *John Audland* fell ſick, and died in the latter

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End of the Year 1663, having been married to his Wife *Anne* about thirteen Years, and left behind one Daughter, ſince dead, and one Son nam'd *John*, born a few Days after his Father's Death; and the 30th of the Third Month, 1666, *Thomas Camm* married the ſaid *Anne Audland*, and they liv'd together in true Love, ſerving the Lord forty Years wanting ſix Months; and ſhe was one with her Huſband in all his Services and Sufferings, as at one Impriſonment three Years at *Kendal*, he not permitted ſo much as to ſee his Family; another Time at *Appleby* near ſix Years, the firſt Part ſtraitly confined, the latter, through Favour of the Sheriff and Goaler, had much Liberty. And they travelled together in the Work of the Miniſtry into the Southern Parts of the Nation, as *London* and *Briſtol*, &c. eſpecially at *London*. About twenty ſix Years ago, ſhe had like to have died in that City, as alſo of later Years at *Briſtol*; and the laſt Time ſhe was there, ſhe was brought nigh the Grave; at which Time ſhe expreſſed

preſſed many heavenly Sayings, that will not be eaſily forgot by ſome, warning all to *prize their Time, and prepare for their latter End, as God had inclined her to do, ſo that ſhe enjoyed unſpeakable Peace here, with full Aſſurance of eternal Reſt and Felicity in the World to come, which* (ſaid ſhe) *I have deſired to enter into as Gain, rather than to live, if God ſo pleaſe.* It was her manner often to retire alone in her Cloſet, or ſome private Place, exerciſing herſelf in fervent Prayer, and to ſet apart ſome Time almoſt daily for reading the holy Scriptures, and other good Books, and very diligent in frequenting Meetings for the Worſhip of God, *&c.* She was not forward to appear in Preaching or Prayer in publick Meetings, but when ſhe did, it was fervent, weighty, and with the Demonſtration of the Spirit, and with Power, to the Refreſhment of the Church, her Doctrine droping as Dew, but with Zeal to lay waſte the Mountain of *Eſau*; and ſhe had Wiſdom to know the Time and Seaſon of her Service, in

which she was a good Example to her Sex, for without extraordinary Impulse and Concern, it was rare for her to preach in large Meetings, where she knew there were Brethren qualified for the Service of such Meetings; and she was grieved when any, especially of her Sex, should be too hasty, forward or unseasonable in their appearing in such Meetings; and she would give Advice to such, not without good Effect, and behav'd herself as an humble Servant of her Lord and Master Christ Jesus, washing his Disciples Feet, and helping and serving, as a nursing Mother, the weakest and tenderest of the Flock of Christ, and was an Encourager of those who came forth in a Testimony for God, though but of a stammering Tongue.

The last Opportunity she had amongst Friends, was the 2d of the Ninth Month 1705, at a Monthly-meeting at *Kendal*; and notwithstanding her great Age and Weakness of Body, with the Coldness of the Season she would not excuse herself from that Day's

Day's Service; and the Lord was with her in good Council and Advice to Friends, preſſing all to Faithfulneſs and Diligence in their Service for God, that they might receive their Reward with thoſe who had near ſerv'd out their Day. The next Day her Illneſs began; about the 16th of the ſaid Month, finding her Huſband under Concern, becauſe of her Sickneſs, ſhe ſaid as followeth:

" *My Dear*, if it be the Lord's good " Pleaſure, who join'd us together, and " has bleſſed us hitherto, to ſeparate " us outwardly, I entreat thee be con- " tent therewith, and give me freely " up to the Lord, for thou knoweſt " we muſt part, and if I go firſt, it's " but what I have deſired of the Lord " many a Time, and I believe the " Conſideration of the deſolate Con- " dition I ſhould be in, if left behind " thee, will have that Place with thee, " that thou wilt the more freely com- " mit me to the Lord, whoſe I am, " and whom I loved, feared and ſerved " with an upright Heart all my Days:

" His unſpeakable Peace I enjoy, and
" his ſaving Health is my Portion
" for ever. I pray thee be content
" with what the Lord pleaſeth to do
" with me, whether Life or Death,
" his holy Will be done. Let us, *my*
" *Dear*, leave all to the Lord, how-
" ever it be, it will be well: I have
" loved thee with my Soul, and God
" has bleſſed us, and will bleſs thee,
" and be with thee, and make up all
" thy Loſſes. Death is Gain to me,
" though it be thy Loſs, and for my
" Gain's-ſake, I hope thou wilt bear
" with Patience thy Loſs. I bleſs the
" Lord I am prepared for my Change,
" I am full of Aſſurance of eternal
" Salvation, and a Crown of Glory,
" through my dear Lord and Saviour
" Jeſus Chriſt, whom God the Father
" has ſent to bleſs me, with many
" more, by turning us from the evil
" of our Ways into the juſt Man's
" Path, which ſhines more and more
" to the perfect Day; and if God now
" pleaſe to finiſh my Courſe, and take
" me out of this earthly Tabernacle, I

" am

" am well content : I am clear, and
" have diſcharged myſelf in the Sight
" of God to all Friends, except ſome-
" thing of late has been upon my
" Mind to ſend Friends in the South a
" Farewel Epiſtle, eſpecially to Friends
" about *Briſtol* and *Banbury* ; but ſhe
" ſaid, the Subſtance thereof was, The
" Remembrance of her dear Love to
" them all in the Truth, with tender
" Advice to the Profeſſors of Truth,
" to walk in, and keep to the Sim-
" plicity thereof, out of Heights and
" Exaltedneſs, under the Power of the
" Croſs of Chriſt, by which they will
" be more and more crucified to the
" World, and baptized into Chriſt,
" and put him on the new and hea-
" venly Man, in whom they will be-
" come new Creatures, and enabled to
" ſerve God in Spirit, and keep to the
" Unity thereof in the Bond of Peace
" and Love, which the God of the
" World is ſtill labouring to break
" and diſſolve : I have ſeen him at
" work to make a Breach and Sepa-
" ration amongſt Friends, and if he

 " prevail,

" prevail, it will be under ſpecious " Pretences of a more angelical Ap- " pearance than at any Time before, " and will be a Bait-taking to all that " live above the Croſs and true Self- " denial; and I would all were warned " to ſtand their Ground in the Power " of God, which only can bruiſe Satan, " and preſerve out of his ſubtil Baits " and Snares."

Next Day ſeveral Friends came to ſee her, to whom ſhe gave good Advice and Counſel, " to prize their " Time: And Oh! I bleſs my God " (ſaid ſhe) that I lie now in great " Peace, and Content of Mind and " Soul, though my Body be held with " Pain: Oh! that it may be ſo with " you all my dear Friends."

When ſhe was very weak, ſome Friends would aſk her if ſhe knew them? " Yes, (ſaid ſhe) I know you " every one, I have my Underſtand- " ing as clear as ever, for how ſhould " it be otherwiſe, ſince my Peace is " made with God through the Lord " Jeſus Chriſt; I have no Diſturbance

" in

" in Mind, therefore is my Under-
" ſtanding and Judgment ſo good and
" clear, for it were ſad to lie under
" Affliction of Body and Mind, to feel
" pinching Pangs of Body, even to
" Death, and to want Peace with
" God; Oh! that would be intole-
" rable to bear. Oh! let my Soul
" praiſe the Lord for his Peace and
" plenteous Redemption."

Her Son-in-Law, *John Moor*, having Skill in Phyſick, adminiſtred ſomewhat to her, after which they thought ſhe was better, and he was gone towards *Swarthmore*, but ſhe ſoon grew worſe again; upon which her Huſband would have ſent for him back, and alſo for her Daughter, but ſhe was unwilling, ſaying, " Be not careful in the Matter,
" the Lord my God is near me, and I
" have thy Company, and it's enough,
" and all will be well if this Lump of
" Clay, in which I dwell, be diſſolved,
" I have full Aſſurance of an Houſe
" and Dwelling God is the Maker of,
" that will never wax old, nor be diſ-
" ſolved: Oh! my Soul, bleſs thou

" the Lord, and be glad in his Salva-
" tion for evermore."

Her Illneſs increaſed upon her, and many Friends came to viſit her, to whom ſhe ſaid, " Oh! the Croſs is the " only Way to the Crown immortal, " ſhun it not therefore, leſt you fall " ſhort of the Crown; and ſtand up " nobly for your Teſtimony to the " Truth in all Things, and particu- " larly againſt the *Popiſh* Antichriſtian " Yoke of Tythes, for which many " have not only ſuffer'd great Spoil of " Goods, but Impriſonment till Death, " and have received a Crown of Life: " Oh! if all that have been call'd to this " Teſtimony, had ſtood firm and true " therein, God would have wrought " Wonders for his People more abun- " dantly, but Unbelief makes a long " Wilderneſs, it's well if ſome die not " in it, and never ſee the promiſed " Land."

About two Days before ſhe died, ſhe gave good Advice to her Grand-Children and Servants, and ſaid to her Huſband, " *My Dear*, thou haſt ſpent

" much

" much Time and Strength in ſerving
" Truth and Friends, thy Reward with
" God is ſure ; I never begrudged thy
" Abſence in that good Service ; and if
" it be the Time of our parting, as I
" think now it will, I pray thee quit
" thyſelf of the Things of this World,
" as much as may be, that thou mayſt
" with the more Freedom purſue that
" honourable Service for Truth to the
" End of thy Days : And I hope the
" Lord will give thee Strength to tra-
" vel into the Southern Parts again,
" and remember my Love to all
" Friends, and warn all, but eſpecially
" the Rich, to keep Love, and not be
" high-minded, for Humility and Ho-
" lineſs is the Badge of our Profeſ-
" ſion ; God Almighty keep us all
" low and humble, it's a ſafe and
" bleſſed State. And, *my Dear*, one
" Thing I beg of thee, give me up
" freely to the Lord, the Lord join'd
" us, and gave us to each other ; let
" us bleſs his Name, if he now take
" us from each other in the outward,
" that's all, for our joining in Spirit

" ſtands

" ſtands and remains for ever : Oh !
" therefore let me go eaſy out of this
" World, (where I have had a great
" Share of Trouble many Ways thou
" knoweſt) and get to that Haven of
" Reſt, that I have the full Aſſurance
" of ſealed upon my Spirit."

A little before ſhe died, ſome fainting Fits taking her, ſhe reviv'd again, and ſaid, " I was glad, thinking I was
" going to my eternal Reſt without
" Diſturbance. Again, ſhe ſaid, I have
" both a Sight and Senſe of eternal
" Reſt with God in the World to
" come ; and therefore I labour hard
" to be ſwallowed up in immortal
" Life, and to be made Poſſeſſor of
" that Reſt that cannot be diſturb'd,
" where Sorrow will ceaſe, and be no
" more for ever : Oh ! my Soul, this
" is thy glorious Portion, therefore
" bleſs thou the Lord, and wait pa-
" tiently his good and appointed Sea-
" ſon." Then ſhe deſired to be helped up in her Bed, but her Pains increas'd, ſhe grew very weak and faint, and ſaid, " Methinks I grow weak and
" cold,

" cold, my Hands and Feet are grown " very cold, yet my Heart is very " ſtrong before it yields, I muſt meet " with ſharper Pangs than I have yet " felt, my God has hitherto laid a " gentle Hand upon me;" and deſir'd to lie down again, but could not ſtay, but being ſet up in Bed again, ſhe ſaid, " This Pain is hard to Fleſh and " Blood, but muſt be endur'd a little " Time; Eaſe and eternal Reſt is at " hand, I am glad I ſee Death ſo near " me: Oh! remember me to all my " dear Babes and Grand-Children, I " ſhall with theſe Eyes behold them no " more, God Almighty bleſs them all, " and make them all his Children, that " I may enjoy them for ever in the " Heavens above: Neither ſhall I ſee " my Sons and Daughter; Ah! my " prodigal Son, what ſhall I do for " him? I have pray'd, and long'd for " his Return; the Time may come, " God grant it may, but I ſhall not " ſee it in my Time; he is my Son, " the Son of a godly Father, and " therefore I cannot but love him;

" tell

" tell him, it's his immortal Soul's " Well-being that I am concern'd for ; " not ſo much his outward State here, " for that, though never ſo miſerable, " will quickly end, but the Miſery of " the Soul ſeparated from God, will " never end. And, *my Dear*, though " our Counſel has not had the deſired " End, yet I do entreat thee, remain " a Father to him in repeated Coun- " ſel ; leave him not to run on in the " Way of Miſery, but labour and " pray for his Return : Oh ! thou " haſt been true to me in bearing with " me many a heavy Burthen, and haſt " done abundance for him every Way, " for my Sake ;" with more to that Purpoſe : " My Love to his Wife, I " deſire ſhe may mind heavenly " Things, and pray God bleſs their " Off-ſpring, that they may walk in " the Steps of their Grand-Father, who " is gone to his eternal Reſt ;" with Well-wiſhes for her Son and Daughter *Moor*, and Bleſſings upon their Children. The Day ſhe died, many Friends came to ſee her, being their Monthly-meeting-day,

meeting-day, to whom ſhe gave good Advice, and expreſs'd her Joy and Comfort in the Salvation of God, Peace and perfect Redemption. Seeing Friends weep, ſhe ſaid, " Be not concern'd, for " all is well, I have only Death to " encounter, and the Sting of it is " wholly taken away; the Grave has " no Victory, and my Soul is aſcend- " ing above all Sorrow and Pain. So " let me go freely to my heavenly " Manſion, diſturb me not in my Paſ- " ſage; and my Friends, go to the " Meeting, let me not hinder the " Lord's Buſineſs, but let it be chief, " and by you all done faithfully, that " at the End you may receive your " Reward, for mine is ſure, I have not " been negligent, my Day's Work is " done." And Friends went to the Meeting, and in a little Time her Pains encreas'd, which ſhe bore with Patience, but ſigh'd deeply, praying the Lord to help her through her Agony of Death: And after ſome Words, ſhe ſaid, " Oh my God! Oh my God! " thou haſt not forſaken me, bleſſed " be thy Name for ever; Oh my

" bleſſed

" bleſſed Lord and Saviour! that ſuf-
" fered for me, and all Mankind,
" great Pains in thy holy Body upon
" the Croſs, remember me thy poor
" Hand-maid in this my great bodily
" Affliction, my Truſt is in thee, my
" Hope is only in thee, my dear
" Lord; Oh come, come dear Lord
" Jeſus, come quickly, receive my Soul,
" to thee I yield it up, help me now
" in my bitter Pangs;" which indeed were very great, and her Huſband pray'd by her, that the Lord would make her Paſſage eaſy; and ſhe had no more ſuch Pangs, but drew her Breath ſhorter by degrees, and ſaid very little more, but that *it was good to leave all to the Lord*; ſaying, *Oh! pray, pray, pray,* and ſo fell aſleep in the Lord, in a good old Age, being in her 79th Year, as a Shock of Corn in Seaſon. She died the 30th of the Ninth Month 1705, and was honourably buried, many ancient Friends of about thirteen adjacent Meetings accompanied her to the Grave, the 2d of the Tenth Month 1705.

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